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Congress-League Deadlock

Working Committee's 'Regret'

NO AGREEMENT ON BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS

Bose's Reply To Jinnah

WARDHAGANJ, December 16.

MR. SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE HAS RELEASED THE FOLLOWING LETTER THAT HE WROTE TO MR. M. A. JINNAH:—

"The Working Committee have considered your letter of October 10, 1938, and regret the decision contained therein, since the Committee do not find it possible to agree with the Council of the Muslim League as to the basis of the negotiations and since the Council insist that an agreement as to the basis is a 'Sine Qua Non' of any negotiations between the Congress and the League.

COMMITTEE'S REGRET

"The Working Committee regret that they are not in a position to do anything further in the direction of starting negotiations with the League with a view to arriving at a settlement of the Hindu-Muslim questions

"I AM SORRY FOR THE DELAY IN REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER BUT I DID NOT WANT TO SAY ANYTHING TILL THE WORKING COMMITTEE MET AND CONSIDERED THE MATTER.

"SINCE THE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED ALREADY, I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF ISSUING THIS TO THE PRESS."—A.P.

SUBHAS BOSE IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

Sjt. Subhas Chandra Bose, the Congress President arrives in Bombay by the Nagpur Mail at 7.55 a.m. to-morrow morning.

Sjt. A. K. Saha, member of the All-India Industrial Planning Committee arrived here this morning in connection with the meeting of the Committee to-morrow.

Both Sjts. Bose and Saha during their stay in Bombay will be guests of Sjt. Nathalal D. Parikh at Marine Drive, Back Bay Reclamation.—United Press.

SHAREEF'S CASE TO BE RE-EXAMINED

WARDHA, Dec. 16.

In accordance with Mahatmaji's desire ex-Minister Shareef's case will be fully re-examined by Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai and Sjt. Sarat Chandra Bose.—United Press.

REPRESENTATION OF MUSLIMS

The Working Committee has issued the following instructions to Provincial Congress Committees regarding representation of Muslims in committees:—"The Working Committee, having learnt that in some local committees Muslims are not sufficiently represented, advises all committees to arrange their adequate representation. This representation should, if necessary, be provided for in the constitution, but meanwhile conventions should be established to give effect to it."

Pandit Nehru, Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai are leaving for Bombay to-night, while Mr. Sarat Bose and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad are leaving for Calcutta to-morrow. Mr. Kripalani leaves for Allahabad to-night.—A. P.

'NO TRUCK WITH MINISTRY PROBLEM

CALCUTTA, Dec. 16.

Asked about the object of his visit, the Hon. Mr. Sarkar said that he was going to Wardha only to fulfil an engagement with Mahatma Gandhi, which was long overdue. He added that it had nothing to do with the question of the Bengal Ministry which, he believed, was as stable as before.—A. P.

CONCLUSION OF SESSION

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 16.

After six days' prolonged sessions, the Congress Working Committee concluded its session here this afternoon. Mahatma Gandhi attended four out of the six days meeting and actively participated in the deliberations and drafted the main resolutions.

The Committee further considered to-day the Hindu-Muslim question, but did not come to any definite conclusions. The main point for consideration was what steps the Congress would take to allay Muslim suspicions and remove their grievances and assure them that their interests were safe in the hands of the Congress. The Committee wanted to draft a comprehensive scheme of approach to the Hindu-Muslim question, providing a basis for the permanent settlement of the problem on national lines.

Bombay women observed "Rajkot Day" at a public meeting held at Hira Bagh on Thursday under the presidentship of Mrs. Leelavati Munshi.

Congress Treasurer Granted Leave

President's Statement On 'Supposed' Resignation Of Seth Bajaj

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 16.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose has issued the following statement:—"My attention has been drawn to certain statements which have appeared in the press over the supposed resignation of Seth Jamnalal Bajaj. Seth Jamnalal Bajaj has been wanting to resign for some time past primarily for reasons of health and he made a pressing request to that effect at the last meeting of the Working Committee at Delhi and even sent in his resignation. The Working Committee felt, however, that they could not spare him and he was, therefore, permitted to take leave till the next session of the Congress at Tripuri. It was hoped that this rest will enable him to recoup his health and resume his duties with his usual energy and vigour".

Mr. Bose, Pandit Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Acharya Kripalani, and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai left for Bombay by Mail.—A. P.

SETH JAMNALAL BAJAJ

New Canal Project

Anglo-French-Dutch Plan To Link Mediterranean With Atlantic

PARIS, Dec. 16.

It is expected that within three months work will be started on the long dreamed of project of a canal linking the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

The newspaper, "Le Choc" reports that an agreement has been reached between the French, British and Dutch interests the last of which provide the most necessary capital of ninety million sterling. The canal would be made by utilising the existing canals and rivers, widening and linking them with a huge new canal to be cut between Bordeaux and Lanouvelle and would be at least 400 feet wide and permit of two ocean-going liners to pass. Of the money necessary, all but twelve million would be required for labour, the remainder being made up of grants of land etc., by the Government.

The capital would be raised at the rate of about twenty million sterling a year at an interest of 3-1/2 or 3-3/4 per cent. About 80 thousand to 100 thousand men would be employed and the work would be completed in 1942.

The canal will be exploited by a company similar to that of the Suez Canal.—Reuter.

Snowden's Bust Unveiled

LONDON, Dec. 16.

An address was delivered by Earl Baldwin in which he stressed the integrity and courage, both physical and moral, of the late Chancellor of the Exchequer when a bronze bust to the late Viscount Snowden was unveiled at the Treasury.—Reuter.

Aircraft Operations In Palestine

Five Villages "Combed" By Infantry: Landmine Fatality

JERUSALEM, Dec. 16.

The British troops, supported by air-craft, carried out extensive search operations in Samaria. Five villages were surrounded and combed, and a number of suspects detained. Detachments of Leicestershire and Scots Greys took part in the operations.

One British soldier was killed and four injured, when a landmine exploded under a military truck near Nablus.—Reuter.

Countess Of Kinnoull And Scotch Zoologist Dead

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Death has occurred of Countess of Kinnoull and Sir Robert Mcdougall, (Zoologist).—Reuter.

Burgos' Decree For Ex-King

Will Alfonso Return To Spain?

BURGOS, Dec. 16.

The decree which was read by Gen. Franco, before its approval by the Council, revokes the law passed by the Spanish Cortes on November 26, 1931, depriving the ex-King of all his Spanish rights.

Earlier

EX-KING ALFONSO

BURGOS, Dec. 15.

Full rights of Spanish citizenship have been restored to ex-King Alfonso under a decree promulgated here to-day. The decree was decided by a Council of Ministers to-night presided over by General Franco.—Reuter.

NO OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION

The decree also annuls all later laws depriving the ex-King Alfonso of his private properties.

In a talk with ex-King Alfonso's Secretary over the Continental Telephone, Reuter was informed that ex-King Alfonso had no official confirmation of the Burgos' decree.

"Will the King return to Spain should he receive a confirmation", the Secretary was asked.

"Of course, but he has not been asked yet", was the reply.—Reuter.

Dr. Schacht Meets Stanley

LONDON, Dec. 16.

Dr. Schacht had an interview with Mr. Oliver Stanley and also renewed contracts with the Treasury.—Reuter.

No Deposition Of Thakore

RAJKOT, Dec 16.

Will the Thakore Saheb be deposed by the Government of India?

This question is causing perturbation in the State subjects circles as a sequel to recent developments suggesting a not too favourable attitude of the Central Government towards the Thakore Saheb.

Opinion in the Praja Parishad circles is determined not to let this happen as their opposition is only to the administration and the administrative methods.

Dr. Gajjar addressing the public meeting to-day referred to this possibility and exhorted the public to be prepared even to sacrifice their lives if necessary if the Government attempted to depose the Thakore Saheb.—United Press.

Gibson-Thakore-Cadell Talks

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Dec. 16.

Rajkot observed Hartal to-day as a protest against the arrests of Messrs. Chotalal Pattani and Chotalal Shah yesterday.

The Agency Resident, Mr. Gibson, was to return here on the 18th instant, but returned here yesterday night. It is reported that the Thakore Saheb and Sir P. Cadell interviewed the Resident.

While picketing on Darbargadh upto 4 p.m. 12 women and 3 picketers including Mr Dhirajlal of Bombay were arrested.

All arrested people were subsequently released.

Co-ordinating Defence And Civil Departments

New Secretariat Created With Four Ministerial Officers

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

A new Secretariat of the Governor-General in connection with defence co-ordination with one Secretary, one additional Secretary, one Under-Secretary and four ministerial officers, has been created.

This Secretariat will be engaged in co-ordinating the Defence Department and Civil Departments of the Government of India and the Provincial Governments in regard to preparation and maintetance of rules and regulations applicable to the state of war, question of supply, safeguarding of transport and commodities etc.—United Press.

SIR B. GLANCY

Political Adviser To Crown Representative

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

His Excellency the Crown Representative has created a post of Political Adviser to the Crown Representative and appointed Sir Bertrand Glancy, at present Secretary to the Crown Representative, to be the first incumbent to the post, which will, in the first instance, be temporary and for a period of two years.

His Excellency has appointed Sir Courtenay Latimer, at present Additional Secretary in the Political Department, to be the Secretary to the Crown Representative vice Sir Bertrand Glancy.

The post of the Additional Secretary in the Political Department at present held by Sir Courtenay will be abolished.—United Press.

BEGUM ANSARI

Lying Unconscious

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

The condition of Begum Ansari who has been ailing from liver trouble for more than three months is causing anxiety.

Her condition was worse to-day and she is lying unconscious.—United Press.

TRIUMPH FOR JAPANESE MILITARISTS

Tokio Inaugurates "China Affairs Board"

TOKIO, Dec. 16.

The China Affairs Board, the Japanese new machine for controlling all matters connected with China, has been formally inaugurated.

The Premier, Prince Konoye, is the President and Ministers for Foreign Affairs, Finance, War and Navy are Vice-Presidents, all of whom are ex-officio. Lt.-Gen. Heisuke Yanagawa, who commanded the force, which turned the Chinese defence in Shanghai by landing in Hangchow Bay in November, 1937, is the Secretary-General. Maj.-Gen. Teiichi Suzuki is the Chief of the Board's Political Department, and Mr. Shinrokuro Hidaka, ex-Consul-General in Shanghai, will be in charge of cultural matters.

BOARD'S FUNCTIONS

The Board will supervise the activities of all corporations newly chartered to undertake enterprises in China as well as of individuals doging business in China.

Liaison Committees will form the link between the Board and other Government departments, and with the Japanese authorities there.

TRIUMPH FOR MILITARISTS

A Far Eastern expert interviewed by Reuter in London, recalling that it was over the creation of the Board that the moderate Gen. Ugaki was forced out of the office of Foreign Minister in September, said: "The new Board represents a triumph, at any rate for the time being, of the military policy in China over the more moderate civilians."—Reuter.

CHINESE ARMY REORGANISATION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 16.

The Chinese Army is to be supplied with "Political Departments" on the lines of the Soviet and Spanish Republican forces. This was announced by Gen. Chenchen, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces, South of the Yangtse, who intends that 50,000 army political workers should be fully trained within the next three years.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

WARDHA, Dec. 16.

The United Press reliably learns that a special meeting of the Congress Working Committee will be summoned during the first week of January either at Bardoli or Bombay to suit the convenience of Mahatmaji with a view to settle the communal problem.—United Press.

MEDIATION IN SPAIN?

LIMA, Dec. 16.

The Cuban delegate, Mr. Martinez Fraga of the Pan-American Conference has drafted a plan suggesting in general terms the idea of mediation in Spain. The plan must first go through the Agenda Commission of the Conference.—Reuter.

TOKIO, Dec. 16.

Legislation setting up a semi-official rice corporation with a capital of thirty million yen for the control and distribution of rice is under consideration of the Government. The price of rice will be stabilised between maximum and minimum levels fixed in accordance with rice control law. Speculation in rice will be forbidden and dealings will be limited to stop transactions.—Reuter.

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An experienced Mistri, able to supervise and work as mason or carpenter, permanent job: apply stating lowest salary, full particulars: Post Box 928 Bombay. (11140)

Wanted: Telephone clerk, Intermediate passed, knowing Marathi and Gujarati well. Salary Rs. 40/- Apply Box No. 300, "Bombay Chronicle."

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Wanted:—A 1st Class Weaving Master thoroughly experienced in Light and Heavy sizing coarse and fine counts fancy goods, Dobby Jacquard and fine works for a Calcutta Cotton Mill. Apply with minimum terms to Post Box No. 210, Calcutta. (11133).

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Wanted immediately a young Steno-Typist, well experience with Office Routine and able to carry correspondence independently. Pay according to qualifications and experience. State age, nationality experience etc. Apply to the Manager, Belvandi Sugar Farm Ltd., P.O. Belvandi-Sugar-Farm, Dist: Ahmednagar. (10125)

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141. EDUCATIONAL ADLETS

College of Dentistry—Intensely practical dental training. Excellent facilities. Efficient staff. Modern buildings and equipment. Session begins 15th January. For illustrated Prospectus apply, Principal, Dr. M. K. Patel. D.D.S., Hospital Road, Karachi. (9857)

Wanted—1000 pupils to practically learn Hypnotism, Mesmerism, Thought-Reading, Crystal Gazing Auto Suggestion etc. by Post. For particulars send one anna stamp Prof. Rudra, 1005, Surendra Banerjee Road, Calcutta. (10969)

174. BOOKS

Practical Race Calculator, Only Book Reveals Unknown System To Find Winner. Stone-Wall Certainty, Regain Your Losses, Rs. 5 King Cov. Booksellers, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. (11132).

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KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

NOTICE.

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the supply of Provisions etc., to the Nurses' Mess at the K. E. M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay, for one year commencing from 1st March, 1939.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, not later than 1 P.M. (B.T.) on WEDNESDAY, the 11th January, 1939. Tenders must be enclosed in sealed envelopes superscribed as 'Tenders for the supply of provisions etc. to the Nurses' Mess at the K. E. M. Hospital."

Forms of tender, specifications etc., and any other information that may be required will be supplied by the Dean's office, K. E. M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay, on personal application. A charge of Rs. 2 will have to be paid for each set of tender forms.

The attention of the tenderers is invited to the general directions published with the tender.

JIVRAJ N. MEHTA,
M. D. (Lond:), M.R.C.P. (Lond:)
DEAN.
Parel, Bombay 9-12-1938.

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THE BARSI SPINNING & WEAVING MILLS, LTD.

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, third floor, Nanjee Building, 17, Elphinstone Circle, Fort Bombay, on Friday the 30th December, 1938, at 5-0 P.M. (S.T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1937.
(2) To elect two Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election.
(3) To appoint Auditors for the year 1938, and to fix their remuneration.
(4) To transact any other business that the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

VASANJI KHATAU,
Chairman.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 23rd December, 1938 to SATURDAY, the 7th January, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Public Notices

THE SIALKOT NAROWAL RAILWAY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the above Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 27th December, 1938 to THURSDAY, the 12th January, 1939, both days inclusive.

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KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
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Home Street, Fort,
Bombay, 15th December, 1938.

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Home Street, Fort,
Bombay, 15th December, 1938.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

Estate of DHUNMAI alias DHUNMAE, widow of Jamshedji Pestonji Dastur ..... Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons claiming debts or liabilities affecting the estate of the abovenamed DHUNMAI alias DHUNMAE, widow of Jamshedji Pestonji Dastur, deceased, who died at Bombay, on or about the 29th day of April, 1938 and the Probate of whose Will and Codicils having effect throughout the Presidency of Bombay were granted on the 14th day of December, 1938 to Bai Banoobai Shapoorji Ratnagar and Mr. Dhunjishaw Shapurji Ratnagar of Bombay are hereby required to send in their claims to the said Executrix and Executor at the Office of Messrs. Dastur & Co., their attorneys at Ismail Building Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay within one calendar month from the date hereof at the expiration of which time the said Executrix and Executor will hand over the assets to the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1938.

DASTUR & CO.,
Attorneys for the Executrix and Executor of the last Will and Codicils of Dhunmai alias Dhunmae widow of Jamshedji Pestonji Dastur deceased.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1308 of 1935.

CHHOTALAL VARAJDAS DALAL ..... Plaintiff.
versus.
CHANDRASHEKHAR MAHAVIR MISHIR & Anr. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to Decree Absolute for Sale dated 28th July, 1938, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on TUESDAY, 20th December, 1938, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

All that piece of Fazandari land with the dwelling house thereon, situate at the Western Side of Umerkhadi 2nd Row Bombay, admeasuring 160 7/9 square yards or thereabouts and bearing New Survey No. 3646 and in the Books of the Fazandar formerly under No. 115 and now under No. 103 and Cadastral Survey No. 1850 of Mandvi Division and Municipal B Ward No. 3483 and Old Street No. 9 but now Street No. 17 B.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. RANCHHODDAS AND CO., Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at Examiner Press Building, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1938.

(Sd.) G. R. KHAIRAZ,
Commissioner.

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Public Notices

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During the X'mas Holidays 'DECCAN QUEEN' SERVICE between Bombay and Poona will run as follows:—

V. T. TO POONA	FOONA TO V. T.
23rd Dec. 1938. V. T. Dep. 17-15	27th Dec. 1938 Poona Dep. 7-45
30th Dec. 1938. Poona Arri. 20-00	2nd Jan. 1939 V.T. Arr. 10-30

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NOTICE.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA,
Calcutta, 22nd November, 1938.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PRINCIPAL REGISTER and the Branch Registers of the Imperial Bank of India will be CLOSED for transfer of shares from TUESDAY, the 3rd January, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 17th January, 1939, both days inclusive.

B. A. C. NEVILLE,
Dy. Managing Director.

(10020)

KING EDWARD VII MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

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Dean.
Parel, Bombay 9-12-1938.

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Auction Sales

MENESSE & CO.

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Under instructions from the Bombay Municipality (Improvements) Messrs. Menesse & Co. will sell by public Auction on Wednesday the 21st, December 1938 at 3 p. m. (S. T.) at the premises the materials for removal of the following buildings:-

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Building Street No. 286. 89; Case No. 58 F; 54; Bhoiwada Road and Vincent Road (Govind Kanee Road).

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(IN FORCE FROM OCTOBER, 1938)
Arrivals at and Departures from Victoria Terminus.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Madras Mail	6 00	22 10
Peshawar Lucknow (Exp.)	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	7 50	17 40
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9 00	20 45
Madras Express	10 10	15 00
Poona Mail	10 25	17 30
Punjab Mail	11 15	18 50
Nagpur Express	13 50	21 35
Poona Fast (Pass.)	17 00	11 50
Poona Express	19 24	8 05
Allahabad Express	20 15	7 00

B. B. & C. I. Railway

Time-table in force from 1st October, 1938.
Arrival at and Departures from Bombay Central.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5 35	13 50
Delhi Express	6 00	22 15
Gujarat Mail	6 45	22 00
Kathiawar Mail	7 25	21 30
Frontier Mail	8 15 (Mon)	21 15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9 48	15 10
The Flying Ranee, Surat	10 58	18 05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 15	22 30
Kathiawar Express	18 45	8 45
Baroda Passenger	20 33	9 25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday, this train will run on Tuesday.

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER.

	Arr.
Frontier Mail (On Saturdays only for Homeward Passengers)	8 40

AIR MAIL TIMINGS

The following air mail time table is in force in Bombay:—

LONDON—BOMBAY (Juhu).
Planes call at Karachi, Bhuj, and Ahmedabad.
Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 1 p.m.
Delivery: Monday (two deliveries) 8 a.m. and 3-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 3-30 p.m.

BOMBAY (Juhu)—LONDON.
Planes call at Ahmedabad, Bhuj and Karachi.
Latest hours of posting at the G. P. O.:—Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 7-30 a.m. Departure from Juhu 10-15 a.m.

BOMBAY (Juhu)—Colombo.
Planes call at Hyderabad, Madras and Trichinopoly.
Latest hours of posting at the G. P. O.:—Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 11-30 a.m. Departure from Juhu 1-30 p.m.

COLOMBO—BOMBAY (Juhu).
Arrivals at Juhu: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 9-45 a.m. Delivery, Sunday 12-30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1 p.m.

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Latest hour of posting:—Monday, Tuesday and Saturday 6-30 p.m.

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Delivery:—Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, at 6-30 p.m.

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Arrivals:—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

Bombay—I Programme

VUB 244 metres (1,231 kc/s).
8-0 a. m. Records.
12 noon Bombay Radio Orchestra.
12-15 p. m. Wamanrao Sadoliker. 12-25 How do They Differ? 12-32 Manohar Kapur. 12-55 Market Rates, Announcements. 1-5 Lunch Hour Music. 1-30 Children's Hour. 3-30 For Children (Marathi). 4-0 Record Music. 6-0 Music Lessons. 6-5 Choruses. 6-15 Hindustani Poems. 6-20 Khayal in Gaura. 6-25 Undetected Discrepancies. 6-30 For Bhumijan. 7-30 Commercial News. 7-45 Geet by Allah Rakha. 7-55 Bombay Radio Orchestra. 8-0 Marathi Books review by Vaman Malhar Joshi. 8-15 Manohar Kapur. 8-30 Vasli-ki-Jooti. Hindustani drama written by S. R. Rizvi. 9-0 News (Hindustani). 9-15 Manohar Kapur. 9-30 News. 9-50 Kindergarten. by Sophy Kelly. 10-5 Bai Gangubai of Hubli. 11-0 Epilogue.

Bombay—II Programme

91.4 metres (95.50 kc/s).
8 to 9-0 a. m. and 12 noon to 2 p. m. and 9-30 to 4-30 p. m. as in Bombay I.
6 to 6-30 p.m. as in Bombay I. 6-30. Some Variety 6-50 Dhanasari on the Violin. 6-55 Wamanrao Sadolikar 7-10 Bai Gangubai of Hubli. 7-30 to 10-5 as in Bombay I. 10-5 Elli Millet: Pianoforte Recital. 10-25 Sapelinkoff 10-30 A I R Symphonic Strings. 11-0 Epilogue.

Delhi—I Programme

VUD 338.6 metres (836 kc/s)
8-0 a.m. Nasir Khan. 8-25 Sitar Recital by Mohammad Sharif. 8-35 Mustaribai. 9-10 Benazirbai. 9-30 Sitar recital by Mohammad Sharif. 9-40 Dadra and Ghazal by Mushtaribai
12-0 noon In Baghdad talk by Qabila Khanam.
12-30 p.m. Records. 1-0 Melody mosaic 6-10 H. H. Chugtai and his orchestra: Sagar. 6-20 Benazirbai. 6-40 Sneha Chowdhury. 7-0 For villagers only. 8-0 Cheating and forgery by Pitam Sinha. 8-15 Nasir Khan. 8-35 My best poems. 8-45 Benazirbai. 8-55 Mushtaribai. 9-5 Nasir Khan. 9-50 Mushtaribai. 10-0 A spelling competition. 10-15 Mirza Jangi.

Delhi—II Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s).
8 to 10-0 a. m. and 12 noon to 2 p. m. as in Delhi I.
p. m.
6 to 6-20 p.m. as in Delhi I. 6-50 A Sitar Recital by Mohammad Sharif. 7-0 Ghazals of Ashgar and Meer. 7-20 Benazirbai. 7-45 Sneha Chowdhury. 8 to 9-45 as in Delhi I. 9-50 Elleen Joyce. 10-0 to 10-15 as in Delhi I. 10-15 A Recital of Songs.

Delhi—III Programme

19.8 metres (15,160 kc/s).
8 to 10 a. m. and 12 noon to 2 p. m. as in Delhi I.
31.3 metres (9,590 kc/s).
6 to 7-0 p. m. Programme as in Delhi I.
7 to 8-0 " " II.
8 to 11-0 " " 1

WELL-KNOWN INDIAN INDUSTRIALIST IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Friday
Mr. Akhshya Kumar Shaha M.Sc., (U.S.S.R.) a member of the Industrial Planning Committee of India arrived in Bombay from Wardha this morning.

He has been invited by the Russian Government for industrial work where he has been staying for twelve years.

Mr. Shaha is at present putting up at Mr. Nathalal D. Parekh Meherabad, Marine Drive.

Shield For Highest Congress Membership

Pandit Jagadish Prasad Trivedi, Chairman of the Rural Development Association of Unao, has announced an offer of a shield worth Rs. 101 to be awarded to the Oudh district, which has enrolled the highest number of Congress members this year.
The shield will be presented by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at the forthcoming U.P. Provincial Conference to be held at Fyzabad.—United Press.

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SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS MATINEE AT 2-30 P.M.

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Selections For To-day's Races

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1-45 p.m. The Bushire Plate Div. I.—6 Furlongs.
MUWAFAK 1
DALLI AL IRAQ 2
MADHURI 3

2-15 p.m. The Bushire Plate Div. II—6 Furlongs.
JOHN WILKES 1
FIL AL IRAQ 2
AMNAVAR 3

2-45 p.m. The Bushire Plate Div. III.—6 Furlongs.
ASSAF MAHMUD 1
SHUMS AL IRAQ 2
MISBAH AL MULUK 3

3-15 p.m. The Idar Gold Cup —7 Furlongs.
MISS LENA 1
POMPEIAN 2
TOMTIT 3

3-45 p.m. The Stetchworth Plate —7 Furlongs.
GOLDEN TICKET 1
PRINCE HILAL 2
BUKNAR 3

4-15 p.m. The Bathurst Plate —1 Mile, 1 Furlong.
VANDYKE 1
PRESSMAN 2
AFFINITY 3

4-45 p.m. The Stewards Cup —1-1/4 Miles.
WITNESS 1
LEVANT 2
SEA BATTLE 3

5-15 p.m. The Western India Cup —1 Mile.
ZUYDER ZEE 1
MY BILLY 2
HIS LORDSHIP 3

5-45 p.m. The Craven Stakes —7 Furlongs.
SHIPSTOLL 1
GOOLASH 2
TOLTEC 3

Double:—ASSAF MAHMUD and VANDYKE.

Treble: — GOLDEN TICKET, WITNESS and LE DUC.

CHALLENGE WRESTLING MATCHES IN CITY

The Gen. Secretary, All-India Professional Wrestling Association, Bombay, writes:—

The Government of Bombay have given their permission to organize some challenge matches in wrestling. The stadium is nearing completion and is situated near the Churchgate Railway station opposite the Government Offices. The management will be under "All-India Prof. Wrestling Association".

The first programme begins on Sunday. the 18th instant at 5-15 p.m., and comprises of the following bouts:—

1. Santa Singh (India) v. Mitchel Gill (England), Yorkshire Champion.
2. Harbans Singh (India), Champion of India v. Arty Concell, Australia.
3. Edmund Von Kraemer (Germany), Champion of Europe v. Ratan Singh, well-known in Australia and America.

FOR WORLD HEAVY-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Tommy Farr To Meet Lou Nova In Elimination Contest

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.

Tommy Farr, British ex-Heavyweight Champion, is favourite 8 to 5 on to beat the 23-year old six-footed Californian, Lou Nova, in the fifteen-round World Heavyweight Elimination Contest tomorrow. The winner is promised a fight for the world title with Joe Louis.

Farr, who has lost all his three fights in America, threatens to retire from the ring, if he fails to beat Nova, who had had only one defeat since he turned professional in 1936.

He is considered by competent judges a future Gene Tunney or James Corbett. He adopts the British upright style of boxing.—Reuter.

POSED AS CONSTABLE AND GOT MONEY?

BOMBAY: Friday.

A young man was arrested by the Lamington Road police yesterday, on a charge of posing as a C.I.D., constable Karim Bux Mohammed Bux was placed before Mr. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, to-day, at Mazagaon Court, and was ordered to be released on bail till December 23.

It appears that the accused went to a house yesterday, and posed himself as a C.I.D. constable.

The complainant paid him the amount and gave information to the police. He was arrested with ten rupee note.

Convicted Of Poisoning Charge

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, Dec. 16.

Mr. M. A. Bhave, Sessions Judge, Thana passed orders yesterday convicting and letting off on probation of good conduct, Tulsi, wife of Ladkva Hakya, a Kathodi of Nagzari Taluka Dahanu who stood charged in sessions, of the offence of poisoning.

Bombay Hockey League

Fixtures And Umpires' Appointments

The following are the fixtures, in the Bombay Hockey League Tournament, up to December 27:-

Tuesday Dec. 20th. 4-45 p. m. Cathedral Old Boys Vs. G. I. P. Inst. Umpires:—S. Fernandes and M. S. Joseph.

Wednesday Dec. 21st. 4-45 p.m. Havero S. C. Vs. Bombay City Police. Umpires:—K. S Gill and O. Massey.

Thursday Dec. 22nd. 4-45 p.m. Parsi Cyclists Vs. South Lancashire Regt. Umpires:—T. C. D'Costa and J. B. Read.

Friday Dec. 23rd. 4-45 p. m. Times "B" Vs. Urban Infantry. Umpires:—C. Peters and E. Kinny.

Saturday Dec. 24th. 3-45 p. m. Armed Police "B" Vs. Walter Thompson. Umpires:—F. X. Fernandes and G. L. Dique. 4-45 p.m. Armed Police "A" Vs. Young Sports. Umpires:—A. J. Francis and K. S. Lynn.

Monday Dec. 26th. 4-45 p. m. R. I. N. Vs. Cathedral Old Boys. Umpires: J. B. Read and A. Pereira.

Tuesday Dec. 27th. 4-45 p. m. Transit Section Vs. H. M. I. S. Dalhousie. Umpires: R. S. Warner and W. E. Rispen.

Walter Thompson And Elphinstone College Share Points

J. Walter Thompson sports club and the Elphinstone College, shared points, in their engagement in the second division of the Bombay Hockey League Tournament, on Friday evening, the match resulting in a goalless draw.

The standard of hockey displayed was very poor and those who came to watch the game went back utterly disappointed.

UGLY INCIDENT

An ugly incident, towards the end of the game, in which Sohani, the Captain of the College team, hit an opponent with his stick very badly, resulted in his being ordered off the field by the Umpire. It is hoped the Presidency Hockey Association will take steps to put an end to such ugly incidents.

RESULT:—

J. WALTER THOMPSON. Nil.
ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE. Nil.

TEAMS:—

J. WALTER THOMPSON:—Braganza; Brackstone and David; Murray, Harper and Lewis; Carvalho, Barler, Wilkins, Proudfoot and Barnet.

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE: Tavares; Dalal and Sohani; D'Souza and Nadjanda; Gupte, Lobo, Sanjana, Gewaji and Pandit.

UMPIRES:—Messrs. Pereira and Toscano.

AROUND THE COURTS

BOMBAY: Friday.

Vithal Narayan and another man, arrested yesterday in connection with theft of watches valued at about Rs. 9,000 were placed to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, Third Court, and ordered to be bailed out.

Charged With Theft Of Jewellery

Denis Joseph Pinto (25) was arrested by the Byculla Police this morning on a charge of theft of jewellery valued at Rs. 1,257 from a house on Mazagaon Road.

The accused was placed before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court this morning and was ordered to be released on bail till December 23.

ACQUITTAL IN MURDER CASE

Two Sentenced At High Court Sessions

Habibul Rehman, Abdull Majid and Wajid Ali were put up at High Court Sessions on the charge of culpable homicide and abetment in connection with the death of one Ibbu Shaikh Adam on August 12 last.

The prosecution case was that one Hamid who was a keeper of a Restaurant was attacked by accused No. 1 who had gone to take his meals in his hotel a day previous to the incident. Next day when Hamid went to report the incident, the Police gave him four Constables to accompany him and to have the accused arrested. The police party along with Hamid went in search of the accused and found them on the 1st floor of a building.

Thereafter, it was alleged, the accused began to run away and stabbed the deceased who tried to stop them.

Accepting the verdict of the jury, his lordship sentenced the first two accused to three years' R. I. and acquitted the third man.

The Advocate-General with Mr. Gharekhan appeared for the prosecution. Tara[illegible] defence.

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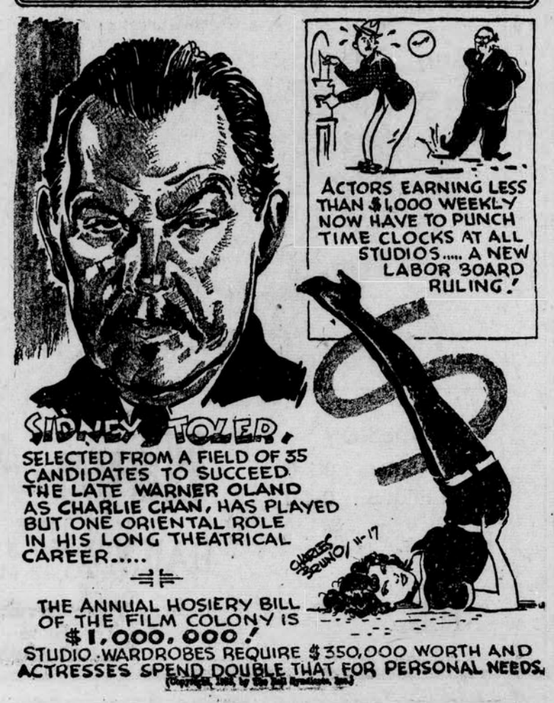
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To Congratulate Satyagrahi's

PUBLIC MEETING AT POPATWADI

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, there will be a public meeting to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) at Popatwadi, Kalbadevi Road, to congratulate Senapati Bapat, Miss Maniben Patel, Miss Mrudula Sarabhai, Sjt. Balvantrai Mehta and other Satyagrahis who have courted suffering in the Satyagraha movement of Rajkot, Hyderabad and other States. Sjt. Bhulabhai J. Desai, the President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, will preside and prominent speakers will address the meeting.

Volunteers are required to be present at 8 p.m. (S.T.).

City & Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

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A public concert will be held to-day (Saturday) at 2-30 p.m. in the Vidyalaya, Benham Hall Lane.

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Shrimati Sushilabai Madhowji D. Morarji will speak on "Women's Uplift" in Gujarati, at the Mandal's premises, Sukhadwalla Building, Hornby Road to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. on behalf of Bhatia Stree Mandal.

B. P. C. C.'S MEETING

An ordinary meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee will be held on Thursday, December 22 at 7 p.m. (S.T.) at the Congress House.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

NEW EMPIRE—"Black Limelight" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Marcus Show". Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Carefree". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Bhabi". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Take a Chance". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m
OPERA HOUSE—"Industrial India". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-15 p.m.
PATHE—"Tundra". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Sunday morning show at 10 a.m.
WELLINGTON—"Arsene Lupin Returns". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.
WEST END—"Prof. Waman M.Sc." Daily at 5, 7-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.
EROS—"60 Glorious Years". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"The Street Singer". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
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BROADWAY—"Rainbow on the River". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Royal Commander". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-30 p.m.
METRO—"Lord Jeff". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"My Son". Daily at 5, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Brahmachari". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m. Matinee, to-day and to-morrow at 2-45 p.m.

SARVAJANIK MAHOTSAVA MANDAL, WORLI

A public meeting of the Sarvajanik Mahotsava Mandal, Worli, will be held at 7 p.m. to-day (Saturday) under the presidentship of Hon. Mr. M. A. Nurie, Minister for Public Works.

GUJARATI HINDU STREE MANDAL

The annual prize distribution gathering of the Mandal's Adult Education Classes will be held to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. The Hon. Mr. B. G. Kher, the Prime Minister will preside.

TO-DAY'S URUS AND SANDAL

The Urus and Sandal Mubarak of Bava Bismilla Shah Wali near Bori Bunder, G. I. P. will be performed to-day (Saturday).

MATUNGA-SION CONGRESS MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMITTEE

A general rally of the Congress workers of the Ward will be held at the office of the Committee at Srinivas Building, Telang Road, Matunga, to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a.m. (S. T.) when a porcession will start from the office and cover the whole area..

25-MILE T. T. CYCLE RACE

A 25-mile Time Trial Cycle race will be held by the Oriental Athletes to-morrow (Sunday) at 6-30 a.m.

The route will be in six laps, as follows:—Marine Drive, Church Gate Street extension, Queen's Road, New Queen's Road, Sandhurst Bridge. The start will be from Marine Drive (opposite Wilson College Gymkhana).

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Young Andhra Association

The Young Andhra Association, Bombay, will celebrate its anniversary to-day (Saturday) at Napoo Hall, Matunga, the programme commencing at 2 p.m. Prof. Pratapgiri Ramamurthi will preside. Hon. Mr. V. V. Giri, Minister for Labour and Industries, Madras, will attend the celebrations. A variety programme consisting of a classical Karnatic musical items by Mr. Aripirala Satyanarayana, and a few scenes of drama in English and Telugu by Messrs. T. L. Ahobalachaarya and Lakshminadh will be gone through.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN.)

On Sunday the new Catholic Church at Wadala which was blessed by Mgr. C. Ghezzi, Administrator of the Diocese last year, is to celebrate the annual XIII Hours Adoration, this feast will be graced by First Holy Communion to children of the Parish.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration from the very early hours of the morning and at 6 p.m. a procession will wend its way under a decorated roadway. The service I understand will find a crowded congregation as Catholics from Wadala and the surrounding places will muster in large numbers.

SCHOOLS ELOCUTION COMPETITION

To-morrow will be held the annual elocution competition open to Catholic Schools from Bombay and Suburban District. The competition which now reaches its third year, is organised by the study section of the Bandra Gymkhana and is to take place in the pavilion of the Gymkhana in the evening. This event has become popular and schools have been preparing for it for months past and it is looked forward to not only by school-children but by grown-ups who have had quite a treat during the last two events. This year I understand no less than seventeen schools are competing, ten of these are high schools and the rest are primary schools.

Several cups are to be given as an encouragement. His Grace the Archbishop of Bombay is to preside and distribute the prizes.

NEW MAGISTRATE FOR BANDRA

Mr. V. N. Pradhan, First Class City Magistrate, Bandra, I am told has been transferred to Ahmedabad as Deputy Collector. In Bandra, Mr. Pradhan was very popularly known for his untiring service in the court-room and his transfer means a great loss to the large number of his admirers.

BOMBAY MATHEMATICAL COLLOQUIUM

Prof. N. R. Trivedi will deliver a lecture on "Elements of Algebraic Theory" at the Royal Institute of Science to-day (Saturday(at 4-30 p.m.

STUDENTS LABOUR CAMPS

A meeting of persons interested in the idea of Students Labour Camps will be held to-day (Saturday) at 6 p.m. in the office of the Rural Reconstruction Association, 282 Sadashiv Peth, Poona City. A camp is being held at village Asavali, District Satara, from December 10 to 31, 1938.

HOW TO AWAKEN KUNDALINI

Swami Sambuddhananda, President, Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, will deliver a public leacture on Raja Yoga, at the Batliboi's Accountancy Institute Hall, Prescott Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. The subject of the lecture will be "How to control Psychic Prana."

MATUNGA BANDHU SAMAJ

Under the auspices of the above Samaj, Mr. Ashok Mehta will deliver a public lecture on "Democracy vs. Dictatorship" at Mani Nivas, to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m.

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THE RUINOUS RATIO

The Congress Working Committee's resolution condemning the present exchange ratio of eighteen pence and urging Government to restore the old sixteen pence ratio has long been overdue. For, as the Committee itself now admits, ever since the fixation of the present ratio all trade interests in India and public bodies have protested that this measure "was against the vital economic interests of India" and that in particular it "has hit hard the agriculturist of this country by lowering the price of agricultural commodities and given an undue and unfair advantage to imports into this country." Why in these circumstances the Congress did not earlier champion the cause of the millions of agriculturists hit so hard need not now be discussed as it has rectified its error and will, we hope, fight for the lower ratio till it is restored. Probably the Congress thought that even without its intervention Government would soon enough yield to public opinion. But when in June last Government publicly declared that they would not make any change in the ratio but would continue to bolster it up with whatever gold resources they had, the Congress had to take up the challenge.

Wanted Speedy Action

The position now is very serious and demands speedy action. For, as the Working Committee points out, during the last seven years, the higher rates have been maintained by large exports of gold which have been very injurious to the country, and matters have now reached a stage when the rate can only be maintained "by a policy of contraction of currency and credit, and by further depletion of gold and sterling resources of India and particularly, paper currency reserve." The sterling resources are generally believed to be already so depleted that further depletion on any large scale to maintain the ratio will be a grave danger. The official review of the trade of India in 1937-38, published last week, shows that India's exports decreased during the year by as much as four crores of rupees and that the merchandise balance of trade in favour of India crashed down to Rs. 15,88 lakhs from Rs. 51,91 lakhs in the previous year. The unsatisfactory position disclosed by such figures is in no small measure due to the ruinous ratio and obstinacy in maintaining the ratio in the face of a declining balance of trade cannot but spell great danger.

Might, Not Reasoning

Government of India, however, still refuse to acknowledge their error and make amends. They have issued a communique declaring that "they have no intention of allowing a lowering of the present exchange value of the rupee" and that "on the contrary they intend to defend it by every means in their power and are confident of their entire ability to maintain it." This only means that they will not scruple to fritter away even the depleted sterling resources of the country to bolster up the ratio. They venture into a somewhat lengthy defence of their policy and in doing so contradict several of the facts cited by the Working Committee and argue that it is their duty to defend the present ratio "in the interests of India generally and the cultivator in particular." They will do well not to be content with a general contradiction of facts but to cite full figures about trade balances and sterling resources. As regards their solicitude for the interests of India generally and the cultivator in particular, it is an old old story, as old, say, as the salt tax and the huge taxes on the exports of Indian textiles to Britain. In support of their view Government say: "It is said that the 1s. 6d. ratio has hit hard the agriculturist by lowering the price of agricultural commodities. The fact is that since June last, the trend of the price-index of the chief articles of export has been definitely upwards." Even as specious reasoning, this is ridiculous. For the very recent upward trend referred to is not as a result of the ratio but in spite of it. Else the trend would have started a decade ago. Nay, when Government proceed to argue that a lowering of the ratio would produce "no appreciable rise" in what the cultivators can realise for their produce, they admit by implication that the higher ratio depressed the prices of the cultivators' exports. But it is no use arguing with a Government that rely more on their might than on reasoning. When it was proposed in the Central Assembly to move a resolution asking for a Committee to consider the question of the ratio in the light of experience the Viceroy thought it discreet to prohibit the very discussion of the resolution. Every schoolboy knows in whose interests the Viceroy smothered even a discussion of the subject.

A Welcome Surplus

The annual report of the work of the Indian Posts and Telegraphs Department for the year 1937-38 shows a handsome surplus of Rs. 57 lakhs as against a surplus of only Rs. 21 lakhs in 1936-37, Burma and Aden being excluded from the accounts in both the years. The former surplus is, indeed, the highest earned by the Department since 1925-26, there having been successive deficits from 1927-28 to 1933-34. The surpluses since the latter year are stated to be due not only to the general recovery in economic conditions in the country but also "to the measures taken to stop leakages of revenue and to popularise the services by publicity and propaganda." There is still room for such measures and we trust they will continue to be taken.

Recent surpluses as well as the interests of the public demanded wider postal facilities. And it is gratifying to note that in the year under review 1,243 new post offices, permanent or experimental, were started in rural areas and a number of new posts of village post-men were also created in order to improve the frequency of delivery in such areas. These are welcome reforms as is also the slight reduction in the postage rates on book, pattern and sample packets. But the increase in the rates on parcels is utterly unjustifiable, though it is only on the first unit of weight. The non-restoration of the half-anna post card is a continuing grievance, particularly to the poor people who certainly deserve better consideration from the Department. The half anna post card may mean some loss at present but its extensive use will in a few years wipe out the loss. This reform should no longer be delayed as the Post Office by itself has earned during the year a profit of nearly Rs. 48 lakhs as against losses of Rs. 18 lakhs on the Telegraphs and Radio.

America's Challenge

It is obvious that the Pan-American Conference has decided, despite menaces and threats, to take up the Nazi challenge. The Haitian delegate's denunciation of countries governed by theories of racial and religious intolerance met with spontaneous applause. What is more, there is unmistakable evidence of determination to translate this applause into something practical. Argentine is working for a "United American Front." And a peace committee—in glaring contrast with the craven attitude displayed by European "democracies"—is considering a resolution opposing the recognition of territory conquered "by force, undue pressure and threat of force." If the move contemplated at Lima materialises, Nazism, which was growing into a grave menace in South America, will be defeated soon. But mere "quarantining the Western Hemisphere" has also implicit in it serious dangers immediately for the Eastern Hemisphere and ultimately for the whole world.

I Meet Mr. Wells

By D. F. Karaka

Life is a packet of little surprises. And this mystic, Oriental phantasy that is our country still draws to it visitors from all over the world. One awakes on some fine morning to see Bernard Shaw in a taxi outside the burning ghauts or an heiress to millions buying a souvenir for herself in some trinket shop near the Taj. Yesterday morning one awoke to see walking down the gangway of the "Comorin" perhaps the greatest visionary of our time. His name is H. G. Wells.

He was fleeing from the journalists, from the autograph hunters, from all those pests who regard him as a museum fossil to be seen and touched even though they may never read him. The few hours that he spent in Bombay on his way to Australia, he did in the sanctuary of a little house at the foot of Malabar Hill with the waters of the sea lapping in the distance.

It was there that I met him—this elusive figure that I have often hunted in London and which has always escaped me. I remember waiting for him at the entrance to Baker Street tube station over which he has his permanent residence in London only to find that he had gone out by the other door.

I remember waiting in a crowd in the rain to see him arrive at the premiere of a London theatre only to be pushed away at the psychological moment and when I regained my position again it was only to see a second rate film actress swaggering past in her sequin dress.

He is a shortish, stockily-built man with red cheeks and a healthy complexion. He has a little tuft of fair hair which like that of a schoolboy wont quite sit down. He has that little middle-age spread which lifts the artist to the status of a prosperous man. He wears that typical British bourgeois expression on his face—calm, contented and so sure of itself. He has a charming, almost modest smile, which bridges the gulf between his genius and your mediocrity. He is conscious of the fact and tells you so—that he is getting to be an old man. That is the sweetest thing he says.

As a man he is very likeable. He has none of the arrogance and the conceit of Bernard Shaw. Unlike Shaw, he attempts to listen to what you have to say. With all his great knowledge, Wells believes that there is still a great deal in life that he has to learn. His whole manner of speech and conversation make him necessarily a popular person.

As a writer he has made his mark in the world—a mark which is indelible. As one of the men of our time who have influenced the thought and opinion of our generation, he had contributed to the literature of the twentieth century in a manner in which no other contemporary of his has done. Someone described his career as "The Tragedy of the Novelist" with over-production playing the part of the villain. Yes, his output is prolific. One wonders how and when he is able to think so fast and so far ahead.

He is a Utopian of the first order. The world he tries to build for himself is a world that is based on the reconstruction of the one in which we live and which he knows as well as so many of us do, is fast in danger of extinction. As he says in his Modern Utopia: "I see about me a great multitude of little souls and groups of souls as darkened, as derivative as my own; with the passage of years I understand more and more clearly the quality of the motives that urge me and urge them to do whatever we do. . . . Yet that is not all I see, and I am not altogether bounded by my littleness. Ever and again contrasting with this immediate vision, come glimpses of a comprehensive scheme, in which these personalities float, the scheme of a synthetic wider being, the great State, mankind, in which we all move and go, like blood corpuscles, like nerve cells, it may be at times like brain cells, in the body of a man."

That is his conception of the duty of man to the universe and to his fellowmen—this duty of building up and maintaining the Great State which is their heritage.

It has been said of him that he is a socialist. Much depends on what a socialist means to you. That his thought is socialist, there is but little doubt. But a socialist is to-day so much more a worker and not a thinker, that I doubt whether the term in that sense is applicable to him. Perhaps it is more correct to call him a revolted-bourgeois. For that gives both his background and environment on the one hand and his destination on the other.

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INDIAN INDUSTRIES

Some Suggestions For Development

By L. C. JARIWALA, D.Sc.

There is a growing realisation of the need for Industrialisation at an accelerated pace and for organised efforts to this end. A careful examination of the activities, however, reveals that sufficient attention is still not paid to assist substantially in the development of already existing industries. The need to find out reasons obstructing development and to remove them by suitable measures, cannot be overemphasised

To start with, there is the necessity of a body to advise the existing and new industries on various problems. It must be a permanent non-official body composed of one representative of the Government, industrialists of proved standing and reputation, technical experts, one atleast being a chemist or a chemical engineer, and one or two members of Banking and Commercial Houses.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for existing and new industries is the next important consideration. Loans under State Protection to Industries Act, and subscription of a part of the capital, seem to be under consideration of various Congress Governments. Both of them have certain important drawbacks. Instead, this purpose will be better served by assisting in the floatation of Finance-Corporations to be run as Joint Stock Business Companies, in whose management and activities, the Government concerned can have a say. There are one or two such Corporations, but nothing particular is so far known about their work. But a definite Government policy will increase the activities of existing Corporations and encourage floatation of new ones. The other way is by means of long term mortgage debenture banking system on suitable conditions, insured by capital redemption policies. To my knowledge, this system is working successfully in England and other European countries and can be adopted with suitable modifications. Short term credits to existing industries are at present provided by Banks and Shroffs. But their terms to industries are either unsuitable or expensive because of their general tendency to finance trade. With suitable arrangements with them it will be possible to provide industry with short credits on reasonable conditions, instead of this being directly undertaken by the Government.

Advice To Manufacturers

The work of advising manufacturers in the selection of right type of plant and process is very vital and can be entrusted to the Department of Industries. It must keep in touch with developments abroad to make its recommendations up to date. The Director of Industries and his staff may have genuine difficulties, but the fact remains that no very useful work has been done so far. I attribute this to the lack of a clear Government policy, and to the fact that no specific obligation and responsibility is attached to this department for this kind of work or for any of their advises on such matters. It must therefore be made compulsory for this department to advise on these questions whenever approached, and either the department or its members in individual capacity must be made to assume limited responsibility for their recommendations.

Organising Sales

Selling a product is often more difficult than manufacturing it as so many manufacturers find to their disappointment. It is because hardly any individual small or middle class Indian manufacturer will be up to the task of meeting overwhelming propaganda and sales activities of Western and American, or keen price competition of Eastern manufacturers, with his own resources under conditions now prevailing. A co-operative sales organisation of each class of manufacturers is an ideal body for the work, but not practicable at this stage. The most feasible way at present is, to encourage starting of Swadeshi Products Agencies to be run as private concerns or joint stock companies. Their policy should be to sell through local whole-salers and retailers, to enlist their co-operation in the proper circulation of the agency products. The sales-propaganda and other working details ought to be left to the promoters of such companies. The Government, Public Organisations and well-placed sympathetic citizens can cooperate in their work, and can exercise beneficial direct or indirect control over them.

Swadeshi Propaganda

Foreign producers carry on their sales-propaganda very efficiently and often aggressively because of the strength of their vast resources, when they see a rival Indian product coming up. They and their agents even often go to the length of intimidating and trying to alienate merchants and consumers from home articles, by spreading false rumours about the producer and his product. Although our recent political awakening has created some consideration in us for Swadeshi articles, we are still very far from the day when Swadeshi things will predominate in our markets. Much ground is therefore to be covered to make the passage of Swadeshi articles into our markets easier. To meet all these difficulties, consumers must be made Swadeshi-minded. Swadeshi Leagues are doing some work in this direction but it is neither adequate nor

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

THE JEWISH PROBLEM

In a debate in the House of Lords, Lord Plymouth took the opportunity to explain the British Government's policy in regard to the problem of Jewish refugees. Giving an assurance of Government's desire to solve the problem as speedily as possible Lord Plymouth declared that "it was a worldwide problem and must be solved by international co-operation." This is only too true. It is a question relating to about a million souls. This is a number which cannot be absorbed by one country. The Dominions—particularly Australia and Canada—, the U.S.A. and Latin America will all have to participate in solving the problem. But mere absorption of refugees, a difficult and urgent enough matter, cannot alone solve the problem. The policy of "democratic" Governments *vis-a-vis* Nazism will have to change radically to solve the "Jewish problem." Nazism must be challenged and its rapid development in other countries—due directly to the stimulus supplied by German and Italian triumphs over democracies—thereby checked. The "Jewish Problem" cannot be solved without convincing Nazis,—and particularly potential Nazis—that Nazism won't pay.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's speech—it is now alleged, as a matter of fact, that a news agency made him say what he did not utter—has raised a flutter in the dovecotes of St. Stephens. But whatever it was that he actually said, the statement originally attributed to him is a correct interpretation of future inevitable tendencies. The Communist State may or may not do so, but the British Empire is visibly due to wither away. The process indeed has already begun. True, Mr. Savage of New Zealand has sworn eternal fidelity—on conditions. But, on the other hand, there is the significant welcome given to Mr. MacDonald's "alleged" words by the 'Star' of Johannesburg. In fact, South Africa is doing worse; it is actually going Nazi of the right 100 per cent "Heil Hitler" type. There is little love lost between Britain and Ireland or India; while, finally, Canada is already more American than British.

"ITCHING FOR ACTION."

Several important pronouncements on the Sino-Japanese situation, from either side, have been made during the last few days. The Japanese High Command, evidently unnerved by China's prolonged resistance, is resorting to violent threats and vain boasts—a clear sign of desperation. Lt.-General Andob, Japanese Supreme Commander in South China, has gone so far as to issue a challenge to Marshal Chiang-Kai-Shek to fight the final decisive battle on the South China plain. His 300,000 soldiers, said this gallant Commander, "are itching for action." From later reports it would appear they have little cause to complain as the Chinese forces are not giving them any rest. Waichow has been recaptured and the Japanese troops—still itching for action?—are said to be flying, pursued by the Chinese.

"SOURCES OF INFECTION"

The usual self-complacent attitude characterized the speech of Mr. Yakichiro Suma, Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy in Washington, delivered at the Maryland University—and we are left wondering why should an American academic centre allow itself to be used for such propaganda. Admitting that "a nation of 400 million people cannot be forced against its will," Mr. Yakichiro Suma reiterated that their purpose is "to swab out the sources of infection within China which have poisoned the Sino-Japanese relations." By sheer repetition, the Japanese hope to make the world believe in this absurd statement. Incidentally it is interesting to contrast Mr. Suma's statement that Japan did not wish to "impair the full freedom of commercial opportunity in the Far East" with the Foreign Minister's declaration a week earlier that the Open Door policy will have to be revised. Consistency does not seem to be a virtue of militarist diplomats. It is clear, however, that this confusion is due to the increasing difficulties the Japanese are facing in China. Having captured the coastal cities and points of communication with the help of their navy, they must now meet (as Marshal Chiang has pointed out) the brunt of the Chinese resistance in the mountains. We do not expect they will be "itching for action" any longer.

LATE DR. RAJABALI PATEL.

By the death of Dr. Rajabali Vishram Patel Bombay has lost a well-known and popular medical man and a true Nationalist. Born poor he educated himself and rose to eminence in his profession by dint of sheer merit. He was one of the most faithful followers of Gandhiji and had unbounded faith in the potency of the Khaddar movement to serve the starving millions of India. There were few sessions of the Congress which he missed attending. He was a prominent member of the Nationalist Muslim Party of which the late Dr. M. A. Ansari was the President and to the last he remained unshaken in his loyalty to the Congress. No cause was dearer to him than that of Hindu-Muslim unity. He studiously shunned the limelight. But from the days of the first Non-co-operation Movement of 1920-21, when he handed over a munificent of Rs. 50,000 to Gandhiji to be used in accordance with the latter's wishes, he refused no call to service to the Congress and through it to the country. We offer our heartfelt condolence to the members of the deceased's family in their great sorrow.

TO THE FORE AGAIN

It seems almost certain that the Travancore State Congress will resume its Satyagraha campaign next week, when it has decided to hold its conference in defiance of the Magistrate's order prohibiting its meeting. The Congress has to do so for the sheer assertion, as its President points out, of the fundamental rights of free speech and association. As the Government have prohibited even the formation of a volunteer corps and its use of uniforms and badges and as volunteers with uniforms and badges are essential for the smooth working of the Conference, these orders also will have to be defied. For the President justly contends that such orders "cut at the root of the people's fundamental rights of association." It appears that in "progressive" Travancore the people have to pay a heavy price for the most elementary rights. But, fortunately, the people seem prepared to pay any price for liberty. All-India will support them in their fight.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"This is the first time the Holy Land has been administered by a Christian Government since the days of the Crusaders! God forgive us.

'The healing hand of Christ,' as understood and applied to the people of England, is a source of shame to us all."

—From an Englishman's account of British activities in Palestine.

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The Congress Working Committee has expressed its sympathy with the Arabs of Palestine and supported their demands.

Mr. Jinnah, we trust, will loose no time in denouncing this demonstrably anti-Muslim League—we mean anti-Muslim, move.

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Anglo-India spiritedly contests "Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's suggestion that the 'flower' of the British Empire might "fall and disappear' before he himself leaves the Dominions office."

Our contemporary need not yield to any indignation or alarm. Mr. MacDonald's suggestion is too good to be true.

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Questioned in the Commons about Mr. MacDonald's utterance, the Premier said, "the speech was very brilliant and a statesmanlike exposition."

Er—er—Amen.

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Lord Harlech (Mr. Ormsby-Gore of yore) complains—the pinch is quite understandable—that "the effect of death duties on agricultural land and farm buildings is the inevitable break-up of country estates."

How we wish they could be introduced in India—and not confined to agricultural land either.

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The American Ambassador, returning to Rome after a fortnight's visit to the U.S.A., "declined to say whether he was taking back any specific orders."

Can one hope that he, therefore, was?

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Dr. Schacht, who is on a visit to England as the guest of Mr. Montagu Norman, discussed Anglo-German economic problems with his host.

But the Britisher is much too wily to be "blocked" or "frozen" on account.

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In reply to an American note regarding payment of war debts, "His Majesty's Government was willing to re-open discussions on the subject whenever circumstances were such as warranted the hope that satisfactory results would be achieved."

At present, however, circumstances do not warrant any hope on the part of His Majesty's Government that His Majesty's Government would honour their debts.

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"Rome, Dec. 15.

The Chamber of Deputies, one of the last relics of democratic days, terminated its existence today after 90 years' existence".

—Reuter.

R. I. P'ed by Signor Mussolini.

By the way, the Junior Coleague suggests the epitaph "Here Lies The Beginning Of The End."

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A TEATIME THOUGHT

"We writers are so egotistic that we do not care to know what the other writers say or do."

—H. G. Wells.

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The Secretary put his head into the office of the business magnate.

'A man has just called, sir,' he announced. 'He wishes you to tell him the secret of your success in business.'

'Just a minu e,' said the business man, cautiously. 'Before you show him in, tell me—is he a reporter or a detective?'

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Gold is the dust that blinds all eyes.

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As a moss-gatherer the rolling joke heads the list.

Somehow modesty manages to parade in public frequently.

Life is a one-sided fight for the man who is his own worst enemy.

The man who holds his head too high overlooks a lot of life's good things.

The man who never made a blunder is a poor one to have in a responsible position.

NATIONAL PLANNING

Issues Before To-day's Meeting

GIRI DISPELS BASELESS APPREHENSIONS

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHRONICLE")

The Hon. Mr. V. V. Giri, Minister for Industries, Madras, arrived in Bombay on Friday, in connection with the National Planning Committee, which is to be inaugurated by Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose on Saturday. Mr. Giri will be the convener of the All-India National Planning Commission which is expected to come into being after about six months.

Questioned if the Planning Committee would receive the co-operation of the Native States, Mr. Giri said that Travancore, Cochin Baroda and Mysore had already, agreed to extend their co-operation while Indore, Gwalior and other States were considering the matter. Amongst the non-Congress Provinces, Bengal was likely to join. The Punjab Government seems to have replied that they would watch the progress of the Committee's work with keen interest.

"We are anxious to secure the co-operation of not only the Provinces in British India but also of all the States because without them, the planning will not be complete", emphasised the Madras Minister.

BASELESS APPREHENSION

Referring to the apprehension prevalent in certain quarters that the work of the Planning Committee and the All-India Commission would hit the cottage and village industries adversely, Mr. Giri said that the apprehension was baseless.

"India being a land of villages, the Committee will consider it a special duty," declared Mr. Giri, "to look to the interests of the villager. We are anxious to help the villager to develop industries with or without power. Even in countries like Japan, where there are big industries, the major demands of the nation are met by cottage industries. Nearly 80 per cent. of the paper required in Japan is produced on a cottage basis. If cottage industries have not suffered in a country like Japan, there is no reason why they should suffer here when big industries are so limited."

Mr. Giri continuing said that the Congress was anxious to start key industries and other larger industries. This had been made clear in the Fundamental Rights resolution, passed at the Congress session in Karachi. Mr. Giri was certain that the resolution would be followed by the Planning Committee in letter and spirit.

THE PERSONNEL

The National Planning Committee, it may be remembered, was envisaged in a resolution passed at the Conference of the Industries Ministers held in New Delhi in October last. The Committee, which will have the power to co-opt., consists of the following nine members:—Sir M. Visweswaraya, Dr. Meghnad Saha, Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. Ambalal Sarabhai, Prof. K. T. Shah, Dr. Nazir Ahmad, Mr. A. D. Shroff, Mr. A. K. Saha, an ex-Engineer under the Soviet Government, and Dr. V. S. Dube of the Benares Hindu University. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will be the Chairman of the Committee.

The Industries Ministers' Conference at Delhi, was of opinion that the problems of poverty and unemployment, of national defence and of the economic regeneration of India, in general, could not be solved without industrialisation. The Conference resolved that as a step towards such industrialisation, a comprehensive scheme of national plannng should be formulated. The scheme is to provide for the development of heavy key industries, medium scale industries and cottage industries keeping in view the national requirements, the resources of the country as also the peculiar circumstances prevailing in the country. It was for the purpose of drawing up a comprehensive industrial map of India that a Planning Committee was suggested and its personnel was announced later by the Congress President.

The Committee's deliberations in Bombay are expected to continue for about five days during which, it will decide as to the lines on which its work should be conducted. It is likely a questionnaire will be prepared for securing information from the different provinces as also the Indian States regarding the industrial resources of each province, and State details regarding cottage industries, their progress etc. The Committee, which consists of experts, may later visit the different provinces and States for personal investigation

After studying the industrial possibilities of the whole of India, the Committee will suggest as to which industries should be undertaken on an all-India basis, and which on provincial and cottage basis. The final report may be ready after six months.

The next step will be the establishment of an All-India National Planning Commission into which the Committee will merge. The Planning Committee's report will be submitted to the Congress Working Committee and the Planning Commission.

LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

The possibilities of starting the following large-scale industries of national importance on an all-India basis will be investigated by the Committee of experts.

Manufacture of machinery, plant and tools of all kinds;

Manufacture of automobiles, motor-boats, etc., their accessories and other industries connected with transport and communication ;

Manufacture of electrical plant and accessories;

Manufacture of heavy fertilizers

Metal production;

Industries connected with power generation and power supply.

COMMISSION'S PERSONNEL

The All-India National Planning Commission which will come into being after about six months will consist of a nominee of the Government of each Province or Indian State which will be prepared to co-operate, four representatives of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, a representative of the All-India Village Industries Association and all members of the Planning Committee.

Interim reports will be submitted regarding each industry.

The Commission will be at liberty to appoint a sub-Committee or sub-Committees of experts to report to it on technical or financial aspects of any industry under consideration. Suitable technicians may be employed for expert investigation.

Sir M. Visweswaraya, one of the members of the National Planning Committee arrived in Bombay on Friday. The other members with the exception of Dr. Meghnad Saha will arrive to-morrow. Dr. Meghnad is unable to attend owing to illness.

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NAZI RULE FOR RUMANIA

New Decree Passed: Move For Complete Unity Of Action

BUCHAREST, Dec. 16.

Only one political party to be known as the National Renaissance Front will be permitted in future, according to a new decree.

All other political activity will be punished with loss of political rights for periods from two to five years.

The decree is interpreted as an important step in the direction of the authoritarian form of Government. The new party, which will comprise the whole of the present Government, will appeal to the entire nation for support on the ground that moment has arrived for complete unity of action.—Reuter.

ANGLO-GERMAN TRADE DISCUSSION

British Threat To Resort To Retaliation

LONDON, Dec. 15.

Dr. Schacht, who is staying as a guest of Mr Montagu Norman, continued discussion today.

While the greatest reserve is being maintained about his movements, the general impression is that his visit received an impetus from Mr. R. S. Hudson's recent statement in the Commons threatening retaliation and a trade war unless Germany is prepared to come to an agreement.

It is now being suggested that Dr. Schacht may see the basis for a truce in fact, that appeals have been made to allow German-Jewish refugees to bring some of their capital from Germany

A proposal is that Germany might allow the Jews to take a certain amount of money provided similar amounts are recaptured in foreign currency from trade balance with countries accepting the refugees. While no contacts have yet been made between Dr. Schacht and the Board of Trade, it is understood that informal discussions with the refugee committee are likely to begin forthwith. —Reuter

REBEL SPY RING UNEARTHED

Many Sentenced To Death: Over 200 Imprisoned

BARCELONA, Dec. 16.

Many were sentenced to death and over 200 were sentenced to over 20 years' imprisonment following the discovery of a widespread rebel spy ring in Catalonia alleged to have established itself in influential posts in Government, army and political quarters.—Reuter.

What Jews Can Hold In Italy

ROME, Dec. 16.

The communique shows that regulations cover business of which Jews are proprietors. It adds, that the part of real estate, which exceeds the limit allowed will be ceded to a new State body, which will acquire, run and sell property by "gradual method". The value of the property will be assessed by the Government experts and the sums realised will be turned into shares of State organisation carrying 4 per cent interest.

The capital value of property, which Jews may continue to hold, is 180,000 lire for land in the country. 300,000 lire for houses and buildings in town.—Reuter.

MISHAP TO RECORD-BREAKING BOMBER

DARWIN, Dec. 16.

One of the two record breaking Wellesley bombers flying here from Portheadland in readiness for the return flight to England was forced down and damaged. The mishap occurred on the mountains of Collierbay, about a hundred miles from Derby. An Australian 'plane dropped supplies to the crew who are safe. This is the second mishap, suffered by the record-breakers.—Reuter.

NAZI HAND IN PALESTINE

French Press Supports British Policy

PARIS, Dec. 16.

Sympathy for the difficulties of the British in Palestine is expressed in the press.

"Le Journal" states "that the rage of Arabs is like one of their own sandstorms. It rises suddenly, whirls wildly, causes immense damage and drops in an instant. A profound apathy follows violence. What has been happening in Palestine for the last thirty months is not at all like this. This constant aim for liberty, this sustained effort towards disorder and the tenacious, unceasing effort to renew violence, which seems to rise again of its own accord, are enough proof that this long Guerilla warfare is an imported article. There is really no difficulty in guessing at the trademark (German) and there is all the more reason for England to watch without ceasing." —Reuter.

HORROR OF NAZI ANTI-JEW DRIVE

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.

Mr. Joseph Kennedy, the United States Ambassador in Britain, who on his arrival here told the Press that he was no particularly optimistic about peace in Europe, also according to "The New York Herald Tribune," referred to Germany's anti-Jewish campaign as follows: "It is the most terrible thing that I have ever heard of and I shall probably lose my job for saying so but let it stand. You might also say that I am only sharing the sentiments of our President. Oh, how I would like to say a lot more!"

Mr. Kennedy denied reports that he had brought a tentative War Debt offer from Britain and added that he never even discussed the subject with British officials.—Reuter.

Sensational Judgment In Claim For Damages

Judge's Strictures On Railway Authorities: Plaintiff Awarded Damages

Judgment of a far-reaching importance was delivered by Mr. Nadkarni in the Small Causes Court in the case filed by Mr. Popatlal Bhaichand Shah against the Secretary of State for India owning and representing the G. I. P. Railway.

The plaintiff claimed damages for the inconvenience and mental trouble caused to him by reason of the fact that the Madras Mail, by which he travelled on a particular day, was overcrowded, that though he pulled the alarm-chain a number of times to get the railway authorities to remedy the inconvenience, they refused to do anything.

THE JUDGE MADE A SEARCHING EXAMINATION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND PASSED SOME SEVERE STRICTURES AGAINST THE RAILWAY AUTHORITIES AND HELD THE RAILWAY RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGLIGENCE.

Referring to the defence that the Railway authorities did not know that the train was stopped because of pulling of chain, but that they thought it was due to vacuum leakage, the Judge said:—"The theory of vacuum leakage set forth by the defendant's witnesses, as the cause of repeated halting of the train is in my opinion nothing but an ingenious attempt on the part of the railway officials to explain away the egregious failure to prevent the overcrowding complained of by the plaintiff while the train was on the station platform at Victoria Terminus."

Referring to the Railways Act saying that the authorities should see that there is no overcrowding, the Judge said: "If in the breach of its statutory duty the railway company allows the passengers to enter a compartment in excess of the number for which it is intended it is surely guilty of negligence. A railway company cannot escape its liability for negligence in the performance of any duty in the exercise of any powers conferred on it by the statute for the benefit of the passengers, if such negligence causes any injury to any person.

"I cannot accept the contention of the defendant that they owed no duty to the plaintiff beyond safely carrying him to his destination if they mean thereby that their duty begins and ends with the mere carrying the passengers alive to his destination irrespective of any physical discomfort or inconvenience caused to him by any negligent act of overcrowding on their part such an argument needs no negligence."

Since, however, the plaintiff had only made it a test case and claimed nominal damages, the Court awarded Rupee one as damages and Rs 10 for costs.

Mr. Pardiwala with Mr. Vakharia appeared for plaintiff.

Mr. Bapat appeared for defendant.

World Achievement

We Are Living On Air

It is true, or at any rate it is true in part.

When we look back over the years to far-off times we see that farming was once a much simpler operation than it is now, that is, if we are contemplating ordinary farming in civilised lands where for generations the soil has been tilled. We know that plants live on the soil and on the sunshine and the rain and the air; but we sometimes forget that they are able to live in this way only because the soil is full of microbes—tiny creatures which are really the simplest forms of life, and are often no more than single cells, or little groups of very few cells.

But these microbes which have the power of changing substances in the soil into something edible in the turnip root or the head of the wheat, survive only if the soil is rich in certain other ingredients. This is our reason for manuring the land—and our reason for not growing barley, say, year after year on the same acre. The soil soon becomes exhausted.

Long ago the soil was richer than it is now, and in any case manures or fertilisers were close at hand. Now the demands made upon the soil (in many parts of the world tired with hundreds of years of service) are so great that it needs fertilisers in great quantity, and our trouble is that the ordinary sources for these are being used up.

This is where science comes to our aid. It mines the air. In the air is the nitrogen we need, and by forcing air through or over a white hot flame generated in the intense heat of the electric arc, we are able to cause nitrogen to combine with oxygen and some moisture to make nitric acid, from which the chemists are able to distil the enriching land-foods they need.

To-day there are great "air-mining" plants up and down the world, and the farmer depends on them for his crops, and we for our food.

Srinivasan, (18), lying dead with extensive burns all over. The body was removed to the Morgue

Collapses While Being Examined

Ramlal Mahangoo (45), it would appear complained of pain, and went to the G. I. P. Dispensary at Matunga for examination. While being examined he collapsed and died.

Body has been removed to the Morgue for examination.

PAREL TRAGEDY

Ghaswala Building, Parel was the scene of a ghastly tragedy yesterday morning. Smoke was observed issuing profusely, and the Rent-Collector with the help of others forced open the door and saw a woman. Mrs. Radhabai

Lucknow Dt. Congress Committee Suspended

President Orders Provincial Organiser To Take Charge Of Office In Emergency

LUCKNOW, Dec. 16.

The Lucknow District Congress Committee has been suspended by an order of Mr. Mohanlal Saxena, President of the U. P. Provincial Congress Committee.

In a Press statement issued today, Mr. Saxena says:—'In view of the regrettable incident last night and previous reports of the Organising Secretary, I suspend the District Congress Committee of Lucknow until further orders. Meanwhile, all office records shall be kept in the Provincial Congress Committee office.

"Mr. Kashi Prasad, the Provincial Organiser, shall act as the Office Secretary. He shall prepare the electoral roll with the guidance and supervision of Mr. Ramsaran, Returning Officer. All other work connected with the District Congress Committee will be carried on by him under the direction of Mr. Ramsaran. The District Congress Committee office will be located for the time being in the Provincial Committee office.

"In view of the urgency of the situation, I have ordered Mr. Kashi Prasad to take charge of office. Mr. Tyagi will see that the above order is immediately carried out".—United Press.

STOLEN PROPERTY OF TANGANYIKA

Nazi Press On Future Of Former German Colonies

BERLIN, Dec. 16.

Criticising the appointment of a Commission to investigate the settlement of Jews in Tanganyika, the "Lokal Anzeiger" states that stolen property becomes no better by allowing a third party to share it and adds that the Government of Tanganyika embarks on a bad effort and will not succeed in restoring the vanished confidence in Britain in future. On the other hand, Germany's confidence in German East Africa increases day by day.

The London correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt", reviewing political developments in Britain, concludes that Brtain is apparently tired of burning her fingers, having recognised the dangers of a policy of intervention, but she is determined to use her concentrated powers for her own interests and the incorporation of Tunis in Italy would call forth her strongest opposition.—Reuter.

Countess Of Mar Dead

LONDON, Dec. 16.

The death has occurred of the Countess of Mar and Kellie.—Reuter.

SANITARY HOUSES FOR EMPLOYEES

Public Bodies Must Be Compelled To Provide Accommodation, Says Shivdasani In His Evidence Before Textile Inquiry

BOMBAY, Friday.

A suggestion that all Public bodies like the Government, the Municipality, the Port Trust and the Railways, should be compelled to build sanitary houses to accommodate its servants and menials, in order to relieve the pressure on working class tenements in the city was made by Mr. H. B. Shivdasani, Deputy Municipal Commissioner, when the representatives of the Bombay Municipality were examined by the Textile Inquiry Committee on Friday afternoon.

Earlier in the day the Committee examined Mr. P. B. Advani, Director of Industries in Bombay. The examination was 'in camera.'

The Municipality was represented by Mr. M. D. Bhat, Municipal Commissioner, Mr. H. B. Shivdasani, Deputy Municipal Commissioner and Dr. R. K. Mhatre, Executive Health Officer.

The Municipal Commissioner in the course of a written reply to the question of housing accommodation of Textile workers in the city, stated that the workers generally lived in chawls in one room tenements. They had either their families with them, or more than four single workers shared one room. In the private chawls, the rooms had kutcha floorings and were dark and ill-ventilated as the central passage was generally covered. No facilities for washing were provided inside the rooms, and the tenants had to go to general washing place.

In the course of its general improvement schemes, the City Improvement Trust had provided certain housing accommodation. This could be brought under three heads.

Answering questions put by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Justice H. V. Divatia, Mr. R. K. Mhatre said that there were Municipal regulations to regulate ventilation, but no action could be taken because the passage roofs of old chawls could not be opened up.

SLUM CLEARANCE

To a question as to whether the Municipality had any programme of building, Mr. Shivdasani stated that there was no such programme exclusively for the tenants, but whenever they undertook slum clearance, they put up buildings to accommodate the dishoused tenants One such scheme would be shortly carried out at the Dhobi Talao. It was beyond the resources of the Municipality to undertake any housing programme. It had too many problems to attend to. Questions of slum clearance, drainage, closing of open gutters, footpaths, and water supply were some of the questions that needed immediate attention.

He suggested that all public bodies should be compelled to provide housing accommodation for its own employees. That would reduce the pressure on working class houses. Each mill should also be asked to provide accommodation for at least half of its employees. They could be subsidised by the Government.

MINIMUM WAGE

Mr. Shivdasani stated that the minimum wage for all men employed in the Municipality was Rs. 25, and for women it was Rs. 20. Over and above this, the peons got either a rent allowance or a railway pass. These scales were fixed by the Corporation on the recommendation of the Commissioner. There was no special investigation to find out the basis of such wages. In the case of a public body, there would not be much difficulty in meeting the burden

Putting forward the suggestion made by the Bombay Provincial Trade Union Congress representatives to the effect that the management of the chawls should be entrusted to the charge of the State or the Municipality, Mr. V. L. Mehta asked the Municipal Commissioner whether the Municipality would be willing to take over charge of the management.

The representative stated that it all depended on conditions and terms on which a contract was to be entered into.

In reply to a further question, Mr. Shivdasani stated that the slum clearance scheme involved a reduction in housing arrangements as the Municipality did not recommend always every new scheme of housing for every one that was demolished.

Replying to another question, Mr. Shivdasani stated that there were considerable vacancies in two-rooms tenements, but not in one-room tenements.

In reply to a question from Mr. D. R. Gadgil, the representatives stated that there was deficit of 7,000 tenements in 1914 as a result of the Improvement Trust operations. But now, there was a surplus of 36,000 as 63,000 tenements had been constructed and 27,000 demolished.

Questioned whether slum had any reference to overcrowding, Mr. Shivdasani offered the dictionary meaning and replied in the negative.

In reply to a further query, Dr. Mhatre stated that special enclosures improvised by the working class people in open verandahs or balconies of their chawls, were due to lack of accommodation.

In reply to a question from Mr. S. A Brelvi, Mr. Shivdasani stated that apart from the schemes they had in hand, they also proposed construction of new buildings for their employees in Sion-Matunga side and near the Crawford Market.

PROVISION BY LEGISLATION

Asked whether the public bodies should be made to provide for their employees by legislation, Mr. H. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner stated that it was his individual opinion that it should be made obligatory.

To a further question, by Mr. Brelvi Mr. Shivdasani stated that two-room tenement was only an ideal one and that it was impracticable from the economic point of view, as economic rent worked out at Rs. 15 per month in the least.

Answering Mr. Sakarlal Balabhai, Dr. Mhatre stated that infantile mortality in Bombay was 70 per cent in a year and it was mainly due to overcrowding or bad housing conditions.

Answering Mr. Khedgikar, Mr. Shivdasani stated that the minimum wage of Rs. 25 was arrived at on a basis, free from considerations of man being married or not, of the number of children he had or considerations of caste.

In reply to a further question, Mr. Shivdasani stated that there were 1,500 rooms built by the Bombay Municipality, in which anybody could come and stay.

In reply to a question from the Chair, Mr. Shivdasani stated a large majority of the Municipal employees got less than Rs. 25 before the minimum wage was fixed.

In reply to a question from Mr. K. K. Desai, the representatives stated that their income on chawls was 8¼ lacs of rupees, while their expenditure was 7 lacs of rupees.

The examination of the Municipal Commissioner and his delegates was concluded.

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DEATH OF PROMINENT NATIONALIST MUSLIM

Dr. Rajabali Patel Who Donated Rs. 50,000 During Non-Co-operation Movement

BOMBAY, Friday

The "Chronicle" regrets to announce the death of Dr. Rajabally Vishram Patel, M.D., F.C.P.S., which occurred at his residence at Warden Road at 2 a.m. this morning.

Dr. Patel was ailing for some time and his death was sudden and unexpected.

He fell severely ill three months ago but a fortnight ago he had almost recovered his normal health and had gone to Poona for change. His condition, however, suddenly got worse on Thursday and he was brought to Bombay.

Born in Bombay of poor parents in 1871, the late Dr. Patel had to make his own way in life and therefore could be well called a self-made man. He was left an orphan at the age of 3. His forefathers belonged to Porebunder. He educated himself by giving tuitions and being poor had often to study with the light of street lamps.

After passing his matriculation examination, he joined the Grant Medical College, where he took his degree of L. M. and S. Being of an ambitious disposition, he, after a few years' practice in Bombay went to England where he took his M. D.

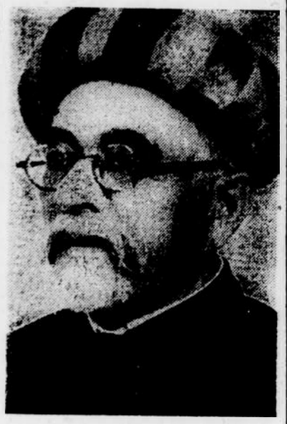
In Bombay he commanded a large practice and his services were requisitioned very often by Indian rulers. He was a true nationalist, always supported the Congress and till the last moments of his life used khaddar.

He was a member of the Bombay Medical Council for twenty-five years, a trustee of Dr. Nair's Hospital, a Fellow of the Bombay University and a well-known Freemason. For a number of years he was a leading member of Lodge Islam and one of its eminent Past Masters.

During the days of Non-Co-Operation Movement in 1921, he donated Rs. 50,000 and handed over the amount to Mahatma Gandhi for use at his discretion. His last wishes were that his shroud should be made of Khaddar. His funeral took place at 12 noon to-day which was very largely attended.

Among those present were also Mr. B. G. Kher, Mr. K. M. Munshi, Mr. Jamnalal Bajaj, Mr. Hooseinbhoy A. Lalji, Dr. Venkatram, Mr. S. A. Brelvi, Mr. Abidally Jafferbhoy, Mr. G. R. Khairaz, Mr. H. M. Rahimtoola Mr. Saadullah Khan and others.

He leaves behind him a widow, six sons and two daughters. One of his sons is a doctor practising in London and another his manager of the Calcutta Branch of New India Assurance Company. His other sons are studying in various colleges. The late doctor was a keen supporter of the cause of Hindu-Muslim unity and counted among his best friends Hindus as well as Muslims. He helped many Congress workers. He was a philanthropist and gave financial assistance to many needy persons.



LATE DR. RAJABALI VISHRAM PATEL.

Gandhiji's Message Of Sympathy

Mrs. Zainab, widow of late Dr Rajabali Patel has received the following telegram from Mahatma Gandhi:—

"Jamnalalji's wire brings sad news. My deepest sympathy and prayer with you all. I know you are brave. Hope Doctor's tradition will be fully kept up by family. Love.

BAPU.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, President of the Indian National Congress:—

"Profoundly grieved at untimely demise of such a patriot. Our heartfelt condolences.

SUBHAS BOSE.

Similar telegrams of condolence have been received from Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Jamnalal Bajaj's Tribute

Seth Jamnalal Bajaj writes:—"I was shocked to hear the news of the death of Dr. Rajabali Patel who was one of my best friends. I had known him intimately for over twenty-five years. He was entirely free from any taint of communalism. A true patriot he always supported the Congress. He was a friend of the poor. India has suffered a great loss by his death."

Call To Women To Organise For Peace

Miss Mary Dingman, President of the Peace and Disarmament Committee of the Women's International Organisation, Geneva, who has come to India as a special visitor to the All-India Women's Conference, delivered a public lecture under the auspices of the Bombay Women's Association at the Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge, on Friday evening. Mrs Gulistan R. Billimoria presided.

The President, introducing the speaker to the audience referred to the international fame of Miss Dingman, and her vast activities in the cause of world peace.

Miss Dingman addressing the audience said: "I feel that I have come to India not to tell you what we have been doing in the West, but to try and learn from you."

She drew a comparative picture of the Western and Eastern movements for peace and dwelt on the success and failure of the League of Nations, which symbolised collective security and non-violence as preached by Mahatma Gandhi. She said that both the Occidental and Oriental methods were quite sound from an ideal point of view, but when put into practice both had failed to achieve the expected results.

WHAT WE FORGET

She felt what was wrong with the world was that each nation thought in terms of individuality and had forgotten that every Nation was interdependent for its economic stability and political safety.

She believed in the brotherhood of all Nations of the world, and as long as this was not realised by the big bully States, Peace, was in imminent danger.

She quoted the example of Manchuria, Abyssinia, Czechoslovakia, and Spain, and showed how these victims of aggression from superior might had been let down by the stronger nations, who had promised to help them.

This was due, she said, to the selfish interests of those Powers, who had deliberately refused to fulfil their sacred promises.

HEADING TO DISASTER

The result would be, Miss Dingman continued that aggressors, finding that the nations, from whom they anticipated resistance, had yielded without the least resistance, would become more and more aggressive as they went from one success to another. This attitude of the great Powers was, according to her, heading to disaster. The consequence was an ever increasing fear of the possibility of repeated attacks on small and weak Nations.

She appealed to the women of Bombay to organise themselves and offer a moral and spiritual resistance to the war-mindedness of the world, and thus ensure Peace.

The President thanked the speaker on the way she had enlightened the audience. The meeting then concluded.

PARTY TO MARY DINGMAN

A tea-party to meet Miss Mary Dingman, special visitor to the All-India Women's Conference, was given on the terrace of Blavatsky Lodge at 5 p. m. on Friday, by the Women's Indian Association, and the National League of Women. There was cosmopolitan gathering of ladies.

B. P. TRADE UNION CONGRESS

Affiliation Granted To Lal Bavta Hotel Workers' Union

An emergent meeting of the Bombay Presidency Trade Union Congress was held on Friday evening at the Servants' of India Society's Home, to consider the applications for affiliations referred to the B. P. T. U. C. by the General Secretary of the All-India Trade Union Congress. Mr. R. A. Khedgiker, M.L.A., presided.

The Unions which sought affiliation were, the B. E. S. T. Omnibus Conductors Union, the K. E. M. and G. S. Medical College Employees Union, Omnibus Drivers Union, and the Lal Bavta Hotel Workers Union.

Mr. R. S. Nimbkar, General Secretary, Municipal Workers' Union, moved a resolution, seconded by Mr. Mirajkar, that of the above four Unions, the first three were craft or sectional Unions, and of the same industry and under the same employing concerns and therefore were not eligible for affiliation. Their affiliation would cut at the fundamental principle of Trade Unionism, and break the solidarity of the working class. Hence it was against the recognised policy of the A. I. T. U. C. Mr. Masani moved an amendment to the resolution, which was later withdrawn as it was pointed out that an amendment which negatived the original resolution could not be tabled. The resolution was carried by a big majority. The Lal Bavta Hotel Workers Union's application was accepted by the meeting.

WARDHAGANJ: — Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad attended the meeting of the Jallianwala Memorial Fund Committee on Thursday morning.

A SHORT STORY

Fight For It

(By Barbara Ann Benedict)

"So you won't marry me, eh?'

"Oh, Bill, please don't ask me again. It—it's so hard to say no."

"If it's so hard you must love me."

"Perhaps I do. But, Bill, when it comes to marriage there are so many other things that one must consider. I mean, when you agree to spend the rest of your life with one person, there must be something besides love to make happiness."

"Such as?"

Paula looked at Bill miserably. She was wondering whether she should tell him. It was going to hurt. But then, wasn't it better to hurt him once now, deeply, than to continue with a series of little hurts?

"Bill, I've always dreamed of marrying a man who—who has a lot of ambition. Who is willing to sacrifice most anything to achieve a goal."

Bill smiled wryly. "Trying to tell me my prospects aren't good, eh? That's hard to understand, Paula, I've a good job. There aren't many salesmen doing as well as I. I'm lucky to have any sort of job in these days."

"That's just it, Bill. You're satisfied. You'll be a salesman all your life. Oh, I know you aspire to bigger and better things. But you're not willing to fight for them. Don't you see what I mean? I couldn't be happy with a man who hasn't the —the courage to fight for what he wants."

"Yeah," said Bill soberly. "Yeah, I see what you mean, Paula."

Paula didn't see Bill again for two weeks. She regretted that. She had always had fun with him. She didn't intend to break up their friendship. But she understood. If Bill loved her it would be hard for him being with her. She wished he didn't love her so much that he couldn't bear to see her.

At the end of two weeks she saw him at Luck Nash's engagement party. He didn't look happy. But he smiled when their eyes met. They danced together and talked a lot of small talk, and that was all.

It was at this same party that she met Lucian Squier. Lucian came from Holbrook. He was a college friend of Jim Nash, Luoy's brother. He danced with Paula three times at the party and then asked if he might see her home. She thought he might try to kiss her, but he didn't. On the contrary he was decent and polite, and a lot of fun.

He made a date to see her the following Saturday. They went dancing, and afterward Lucian drove home by way of lonely Black Swamp. She thought sure he had a definite purpose in choosing the Black Swamp road; but it turned out he didn't

She thought about him that night. He was good looking and a lot of fun. She hoped she'd see more of him. She wondered how long it would be before he tried to kiss her.

She was wondering the same thing three weeks later. They had been out together six times, and Lucian hadn't even held her hand. He had plenty of opportunity, too. Once they had a flat tire on a lonely stretch of road and had to wait for an hour in Lucian's coupe while the garage to which he had telephoned sent a man out. Once they had parked along the shore of Merrymount Cove and watched the moon settle into the Pacific.

It was at Rod Sheppard's house party that Lucian kissed her for the first time. To Paula's surprise she found that Bill was at the same party. She noticed that he looked tired and worn, and she felt suddenly sorry for him and wished there was something she could do to help him.

Toward the middle of the evening Lucian danced her out onto the terrace. They moved along into the shadow at the terrace's end, found a bench there and sat down.

It was then that Lucian kissed her. It was different than what she expected. It didn't thrill her as she had hoped. It wakened in her no response, no reaction save repulsion. She was glad when the kiss ended. She hoped it was ended. But it wasn't. Lucian was just beginning. He seized her again, and she struggled against him, and then unexpectedly a man's voice said:

"O.K., Squier, lay off. You're kissing my girl."

Both Lucian and Paula were so surprised that for a moment they only started stupidly at the dim outline of Bill's figure. Paula sensed rather than saw that Bill was different from any time she had ever seen him.

Lucian laughed harshly and stood up. "Your girl, eh? Who says so? Your girl, when she's been going out with me two nights a week for a month? Your girl when she's been dying to have me kiss her, and it's only now I've gotten around to it?"

Paula gasped. Bill swore and leaped. Paula heard the sickening sound of flesh against flesh. She heard hard breathing and the shuffle of feet and then a heavy thud. She looked down and Bill lay stretched out on the terrace, and Lucian stood above him.

With a little cry Paula to her knees. "Bill!" she cried. "Bill!" And Bill opened his eyes and smiled cynically.

"I did my best," he said. "You thought I should fight for what I wanted. Well, wanted you, and fought and—and—fighting's no good, Paula. It never got me what I wanted."

"It has this time, Bill!" Paula cried. "If it's me you want, you've won. We—we'll continue to fight—together—for other things; and, darling, we'll get them too."

Bill's arms went about her and Bill's lips found hers and the thrill that Paula had expected from being kissed by Lucian was the result.

Lucian stalked off with a snort of disgust. At least he could take a hint.

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Task Before Indian Historians

SIR G. S. BAJPAI PLEADS FOR CO-OPERATION OF GOVTS.

POONA, Dec. 16.

The Governor of Bombay opened the fifteenth annual meeting of the Indian Historical Records Commission to-day at the Council Hall.

Sir G. S. Bajpai, ex-officio President of the Commission, thanking His Excellency for opening the meeting, said: "The main purpose of the Commission was to unfold through the efforts of the historian, facts of history as enshrined in contemporary records. Unfortunately, in the jostle of more noisy and more spectacular events their work is apt to be overlooked"

PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION

Proceeding Sir Girja Shanker said that if facts of national history be scientifically studied, then all the Governments at the Centre and in the Provinces, and Indian States must take a keener interest in the activity of the Commission and lend the Commission more constant support. The task of collecting, cataloguing and publishing records of a vast country needed trained workers. If the study of History in a country was to be encouraged sedulously, then the sooner all the Governments in the country pooled their resources the better."

Interesting papers on unexplored chapters in the Indian history were read by eminent historians assembled.

The meeting will conclude to-morrow evening.

To-day's session was taken up by reading of papers. To-morrow the Commission will discuss resolutions and other business before it.—A.P.

LUMLEY MEETS HISTORIANS

Speaks Of Wealth Of Maharashtra In Historical Records

POONA, Friday.

Sir Roger Lumley in the course of his speech at the opening of the session of the Indian Historical Records Commission in Poona to-day said:

It is a great pleasure to me to welcome to Poona the members of the Indian Historical Records Commission. This is the third occasion on which you have met in the capital of Maharashtra and I am sure you will find much to interest you in this historic City. Sir Jadunath Sarkar was referring to the historical records to be found in Poona when, at your last meeting, he said "In no Province of India have we this wealth of materials."

But the abundance of our materials is the measure of our responsibilities to the present and to future generations. I venture to think that the Government of Bombay has not been altogether neglectful in this matter, and it will, perhaps, be appropriate if I give a brief account of what has been done in this Presidency to make historical records available for study.

One of the earliest resolutions passed by your Commission, in 1919, recommended that the Government of Bombay should publish a "Source book" of Mahratta History. For various reasons progress was slow, but eventually the work of editing Marathi sources was entrusted to Professor R. P. Patwardhan and foreign sources to Professor H. G. Rawlinson, with the result that a Source Book covering some 240 pages was published in 1928. This work contains a representative selection of the best authenticated documents hearing on Mahratta history.

At the meeting of the Commission held in this city in 1925, the following resolution was passed:—

"This Commission recommends to the Government of Bombay that an expert be placed on special duty to prepare a handlist of the unsorted and unclassified Rumals in the Poona Daftar".

This resolution was reaffirmed at the meetings of the Commission held in 1926 and 1927. Accordingly, the Government of Bombay entrusted to Rao Bahadur G. S. Sardesai the task of making a preliminary survey of over 27,000 bundles of documents which constitute what is known as the "Peshwa's Daftar." The work has been completed and 46 volumes, covering some 8,000 pages, have been published.

Many of the letters published are in the actual handwriting of great historic personages of the age. The most important letters are reproduced in facsimile. The selections have been published in the original Marathi with an introduction and a brief summary of the contents of each letter in English.

These publications have been favourably received by students of history and are of unique value and interest for the fresh light which they throw upon the history of the Mahrattas. The completion of this immense task took nearly four years and involved an expenditure by Government of about Rs. 30,000. In addition, nearly Rs. 10,000 were contributed by Chiefs, Sardars and others.

At the instance of the Commission, Government in 1929 made arrangements for the reproduction of old family documents and pictures of historical importance. Another recommendation of the Commission advised that selected inscriptions from the graveyards of European settlements prior to the year 1800 should be printed. Lists of such inscriptions were accordingly compiled by the Public Works Department and edited by Mr. H. G. Rawlinson.

The material thus collected was deposited in the Records Office of the Secretariat where it is available to research students.

At the meetings held in Rangoon and Patna in 1927 and 1930 respectively, resolutions were passed in regard to Secretariat Records. The question of appointing a Curator and reorganising the Records Office was carefully considered by the Government of Bombay.

The appointment of a Curator was found not to be feasible, but the preservation of old records has been taken up and at present some of these records are being filmed by the micro-film process in the Government Photo Registry Office. Sanction has been accorded to the filming of about 2,500 papers dating prior to 1,800 at a cost of Rs. 35,000 spread over a period of three years.

I might also mention that there has been a feeling amongst the public in recent years that adequate facilities are not given to students of history for research work in the Alienation Office, and that orders have now been issued providing such facilities and making suitable arrangements therefor

Gentlemen, those who devote themselves to historical research follow a fascinating path. I share their fascination, though I have little time to indulge it. No one should grudge, though some may envy, the interest which absorbs them in their work; but, great as the interest may be which they gain, greater still are the results which they can give.

History, true history, can do much for the living generation. In particular it can inspire and it can teach. There have been few great movements in the world which have not drawn at least part of their inspiration from the past. Especially is that the case when a country is emerging, as India is to-day, on to a new horizon. Enthusiasm, high aims, these there may be in abundance, but they are not enough. She will need all the wisdom and the courage which she can draw from her vast history. Of these, historians can tell her. They can also teach, and if they are to teach truly they must analyse and dissect and use a critical judgment. They must show what blunders were made, and history is sometimes described as the history of human blunder. They must discern characteristics and tendencies which, when undirected or ill-directed, have led to disaster.

But to render these services historians must have access to contemporary records. Without them, and without careful and critical study of them, history can be a snare, and a dangerous one too.

The task which your Commission has set before itself is to find and to preserve and to make available those records. By your success in doing that you will not only be helping to add the most interesting volumes to the library shelves of the future, but you will be helping also to give that guidance which a nation needs from the past.

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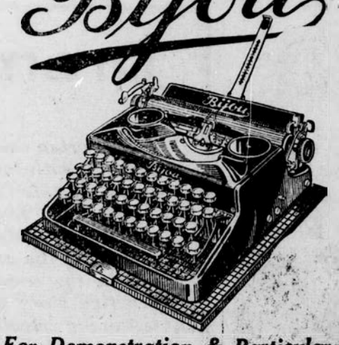

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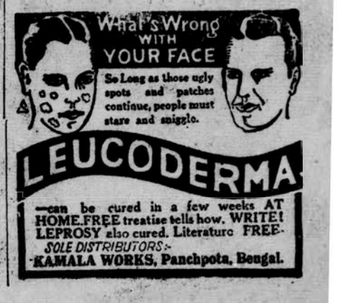
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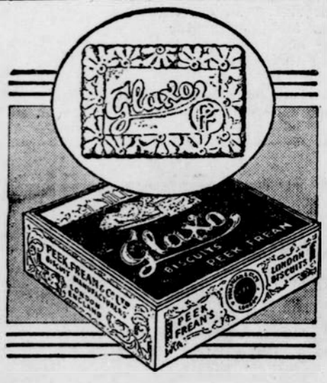

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The Week's Film Fare

Bette Davis (centre) with Anita Louise and Jane Bryan in "Sisters", coming next week to Excelsior.

Drama Unadulterated

It is often said that you can't produce a successful film without liberally spicing it with love and romance. Pure drama, we have been told, does not pay. We don't believe it. This week we have two fine films—"Tundra" at Pathe and "Lord Jeff" at Metro—which eschew romantic interest and yet are first rate entertainment. They depend for their success on sheer drama. "Tundra" is the exciting story of a modern hero, the flying doctor, who faces death in the snow-bound regions to save human life. "Lord Jeff" is the instructive story of how Doctor Barnado's homes save errant boys and has entertaining features which should specially appeal to children.

"TUNDRA" COMES TO PATHE

Magnificent Scenic Spectacle

"Tundra," the Dearholt and Stout production, visualizing the magnificently savage scenic wonders of the great Alaskan wilderness, as background for a thrill-drama that is 100 per cent. human interest and splendid action, comes to-day to the Pathe as an advent of importance in the entertainment field. It, of course, belongs in the category of giant spectacles as regards its intensive scenic lure. Certainly, the secrets and savage marvels of the great Alaskan wilderness have never before been caught by the camera with such astonishing effects.

But there is a great deal more than mere spectacular lure to the feature. There are the physical thrills, the gallant fight against exhaustion, starvation, the fears of the unknown, the angry elements of Nature by one lone man, a physician whose little 'plane is wrecked while returning from a visit to a patient in an Eskimo village. Here is this heroic figure, hemmed in by dangers on all sides, yet facing fate defiantly. You follow him through his days and nights of wanderings. You see him traversing mighty forests, beset by hordes of muskox, moose, caribou, you hear the wolf-cry in the shadows that tells that the pack are on the trail.

You smile in the midst of the high tension at the antics of the two little bear-cubs that have attached themselves to him as travelling comrades, and pathos mingles cleverly with shock action, when the huge mother-bear turns up in time to save the man who has nurtured her cubs from the savage attack of a legion of wild dogs. Gorgeous sunsets, towering icebergs, avalanches of snow, frowning mountains, gaping canyons, burning forests; surely never did such a wealth of scenic magnificence furnish backgrounds for a man's splendid struggle for bare existence in the face of seemingly hopeless odds!

Del Cambre, who impersonates the "Flying Doctor," wins your sympathy from the first and maintains it to the finale, when the star at last reaches an Eskimo community, his mental balance tottering on the verge of insanity, his physical powers exhausted, to be nursed to health by the grateful Eskimos who are only too happy to repay in part the benefits conferred upon their people by the good physician in the past.

NEXT WEEK IS COMEDY WEEK

"SISTERS"—Warner Brothers drama starring that brilliant actress, Bette Davis, with Errol Flynn, at Excelsior. The other sisters are Anita Louise and Jane Bryan.

"THERE GOES MY HEART", Hal Roach comedy starring Frederick March and Virginia Bruce, at New Empire.

"THAT CERTAIN AGE" starring Deanna Durbin and Melvyn Douglas, at Eros. Comedy—and songs!

"TOO HOT TO HANDLE", comedy drama, starring Clark Gable and Myrna Loy, at Metro. Exciting story of newsreel cameramen.

"BROTHER RAT", comedy drama, featuring Wayne Morris and Priscila Lane, at Capitol.

Fred, Ginger And Yam!

"Carefree". Song-And-Dance Spectacle At Regal

Bringing the world-famous dance team of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers together once more, RKO Radio's "Carefree" presents a film romance embellished with Irving Berlin melodies, startling dance routines and amusing story. Because Ginger Roger keeps breaking off her wedding date with Ralph Bellamy, the latter asks Astaire, a psychiatrist, to fix up any lurking inhibitions the lady may have on the subject of marriage. The pretty patient complicates matters by falling in love with Fred instead of with Ralph. When the psychiatrist fails to respond, the actress starts a hectic series of madcap adventure, the doctor meantime falling in love with her himself, only to find that he has a new resistance to overcome. How the seemingly lost cause is won at the last moment makes for the uproarious climax of the picture.

The two stars, with cleverly drawn roles to enact as the psychiatrist and the actress, have unusual opportunities to display the talents that made them the world's premiere dancing duo, and Ralph Bellamy as the lawyer forms the third corner of the tumultuous triangle. Four of Irving Berlin's catchiest tunes, "The Night Is Filled With Music", "I Used To Be Colour Blind", "The Yam" and "Change Partners" are featured in the picture.

The dance numbers of "Carefree," following the Astaire-Rogers tradition of introducing spectacular routines into their films, are unusually diversified. They include the Golf Dance, a solo novelty by Astaire; the "Change Partners" routine, a sensational romantic ballroom dance; a dream fantasy number, and "The Yam", a colourful but simple ballroom routine, the first dance the two stars have ever presented which can without revision be performed by the general public, and which has caught on widely.

Murder Mystery At New Empire

"BLACK LIMELIGHT"

One of the principles of British justice is that the prisoner is entitled to the benefit of the doubt in cases based on circumstantial evidence. Judges are always careful to point this out in their directions to the jury, it being recognised that circumstantial evidence can be most damning and yet be open to doubt. Invariably, there is that loophole through which justice may escape its true mission or the prisoner his just deserts.

In "Black Limelight," showing at New Empire Cinema this week, a wife, played by Joan Marion, refuses to believe the utterly damning evidence against her husband, accused of the murder of a girl. She seizes on a handkerchief of her husband's, yet another of those circumstantial proofs of his guilt, and by it tracks down the real murderer. She finds a loophole in what might have been the strongest part of the case against her man—yet another proof of the prisoner's need for that benefit of the doubt.

Raymond Massey plays the husband who finds his mistress murdered and, appalled by the facts against him, will not give himself up to the police.

The most ingenious part of this gripping story is the wife's trapping of the real murderer, which cannot be disclosed here without detracting from the vital entertainment powers of this film.

"SNOW WHITE AND SEVEN DWARFS" REVIVED AT PALACE

"Snow White and Seven Dwarfs," Walt Disney's gorgeously produced musical feature-length animated picture in Technicolor, is revived at the Palace this week. In production for three years, and costing a million and a half dollars, this picture has already taken its place in the front ranks of important film attractions.

WHOLE SERIAL SHOW.

On this Sunday morning the Palace will exhibit "The Clutching Hand," a mystery serial.

Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire are united again in "Carefree", a fine song-and-dance picture, at Regal this week.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Mickey Rooney In "Lord Jeff" At Eros

Irish Boy Who Is Perhaps Finest Juvenile Character Actor On The Screen

He is just a boy of seventeen—but he is perhaps the greatest juvenile actor on the screen. He is Micky Rooney, seen this week at Metro, in "Lord Jeff" (originally titled, "The Boy From Barnado's). The picture shows how the healthy and helpful atmosphere of Dr. Barnado's homes saves errant boys and helps them to lead a life of useful and honest activity. Freddie Bartholomew is starred but, by sheer acting ability, Mickey Rooney dominates the picture right from the moment of his first appearance on the screen. By comparison, he leaves pretty-pretty Freddie miles behind.

NOT HIS REAL NAME!

To-day Mickey Rooney is rated as one of the most popular actors of the screen. Three pictures have made him—"Captains Courageous," "Love Finds Andy Hardy" and "Boys Town." But actually he began much earlier and I recall seeing him in some picture years ago. I have forgotten the name of the picture but can still remember one scene. Rooney was playing the son of a man condemned to die. The town clock started mournfully tolling the hours—which was the death-knell of his father—and the camera was focussed on Rooney's face. That big close-up was a severe test for the most experienced actor. But the boy stood the test and registered an expression which made thousands eyes moist and one knew here was someone who could surely act.

Mickey Rooney has a professional background. He comes of a theatrical family and was on the stage at three, doing imitations in his father's act. But then his name was Joe Yule, Jnr. At six he was discovered by Director Merwyn Leroy. Since then he has been working in films under the newly-adopted name of Micky Rooney.

Miss C. A. Lejeune, the well-known English film critic, recently said that she would like to see the day when Shirley Temple was playing Camille and Rooney was Clark Gable of his day. If this comes true Rooney would create a new type of screen hero—for though his face is full of life and character, he is far from being handsome.

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IN AID OF DETENU FUND

"Lost Horizon" Capra Masterpiece, To Be Shown At Eros

Great Film That Is Dedicated To "India And Her Deathless Civilization"

"Dedicated to India and Her Deathless Civilization".

"Lost Horizon", Frank Capra's masterpiece fantasy for Columbia, which had a record run when first shown in Bombay, will be shown again on Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Eros Theatre in aid of the Bengal Detenus Relief Fund.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and President Subhas Chandra Bose will be present on the occasion and will address the audience.

It is thus a rare opportunity of seeing a first rate film, hear two great national leaders and contribute to a cause which deserves the support of every patriotic Indian.

PURPOSEFUL FANTASY

"Lost Horizon", based on a novel by James Hilton, is the story of a fantastic place, Shangrilla—a thousand miles from anywhere—where a visionary has created a small haven of peace and harmony, safe from the strife and misery of the outside world. It is here that he has preserved all that is best and noblest in the arts and crafts of mankind so that when the inevitable Armageddon comes to destroy the world, there will be something left here to begin civilized life afresh.

It is a fantasy, of course. There is no place like Shangrilla. There never will be. But in the guise of this story the Author and the Director have sought to emphasize the danger to civilization from war and jingoism and the necessity of preserving peace. As an attempted interpretation of the doctrine of non-violence, love and peace the film is appropriately dedicated to India and the "High Lama", when he propounds his philosophy, has the calm and poise associated with Gandhiji. It floats above the world in the rosy clouds of idealism, far removed from uncomfortable reality, but it is an escape which is both pleasant and purposeful.

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"ARSENE LUPIN RETURNS"

Detective Drama At Wellington

A mystery within a mystery in which a crook chases a killer to prove his innocence provides a basis for "Arsene Lupin Returns," which opens to-night at the Wellington.

Melvyn Douglas, who has climbed into public favour recently in such pictures as "Theodora Goes Wild" and "Angel," scores with a vigorous performance as Arsene Lupin, international adventurer.

Virginia Bruce, whose beauty has decorated such pictures as "The Great Ziegfeld," and recently "Bad Man of Brimstone," has an opportunity for a contrasting performance of comedy and drama in the fast-moving story.

When Warren William steps into the role of a detective, he is sure to give the role polish and suave strength. His part as super-sleuth in pursuit of Arsene Lupin provides him an opportunity for an excellent performance.

Based on the character created by Maurice Le Blanc, famous master of French detective fiction, the story deals with an international police chase of a jewel thief. As the plot develops Lupin has to commit robbery to clear his name of a theft and murder charge, so that he can marry the woman of his choice.

TERRY KILBURN, who plays Albert with Freddie Bartholomew and Mickey Rooney in "LORD JEFF" is the son of a London busman and came to Hollywood on a vacation with his parents to be hailed as a discovery in his first screen role:

LAST DAYS OF MARCUS SHOW

Farewell Programme On Monday

On Monday the Marcus Revue Company will bring their Bombay season to a close with a gala carnival show at 10 p.m.

The third programme which will be continued for three days more provides many new attractions presented amidst the most gorgeous and spectacular settings and are acclaimed as the best items in the Company's repertoire. All those who have seen the show are unanimous that it is a unique entertainment the like of which has seldom been seen before in this city.

Some of the most popular numbers in the current programme are "The Vineyard of Girls", the "Orange Grove", the "Sequin Parade", the "Carioca" dance, and the "Tibetan Prayer Dance" by Nirska, besides many musical and comedy items.

At 3-30 p.m. on Sunday there will be a special show under the patronage of the Governor and Lady Lumley, half the proceeds of which will be given away to the anti-tuberculosis fund.

MICKEY ROONEY, who plays Terry, with Freddie Bartholomew in "LORD JEFF" mastered a clarinet and led his boys' orchestra in three hours of practice:

A scene from "The Terror", film based on a story by Edgar Wallace, shown this week at Capitol.

Joan Marion confronts the murderer with the handkerchief which is such an important clue in the crime mystery, "Black Limelight", at New Empire.

The flying doctor is rescued at last after weeks of perilous adventures in "Tundra," excellent film with Arctic background, at Pathe.

Bobby Breen and two little girls in a scene from "Rainbow on the River" revived this week at Broadway.

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Future Of Indian Banking

NEED FOR CO-OPERATION WITH RESERVE BANK

Address Of Bombay Chief Of New York Bank At Rotary Club

"It is my considered opinion that banking facilities in this country are more than adequate" said Mr. C. W. Heyden, Manager of the National City Bank of New York, in an address to the Rotary Club, Bombay.

"It is frequently advocated" he added "that the indigenous bankers be brought within the ambit of the reserve banking system. People who put forward such proposals do not understand the basic principles of the Reserve Bank. It is impossible for the Reserve Bank to extend its facilities to banking firms and individuals who do not in their turn accept public responsibilities, who do not incorporate according to law, and who do not issue balance sheets. To enjoy the facilities of the Reserve Bank, one must also assume obligations."

BANKING FACILITIES IN INDIA.

Referring to banking facilities in India Mr. Heyden said that one heard a good deal about the insufficiency of banking facilities here. By this is meant the small number of banking offices in relation to the total population. India is a vast agricultural country with a few large cities and many small villages. It is not possible to establish a banking office in a village where the people are generally poor. Poor people unfortunately do not make good bank customer.

CREDIT FACILITIES.

As regards credit facilities, Mr. Heyden observed that even though the total number of banking offices was small in proportion to the population, there was in reality dearth of credit facilities in India. Money lending of various kinds and descriptions was carried on everywhere. Merchants lent extensively to other merchants.

"I am familiar with banking conditions in many countries of the world" Mr. Heyden added "and I am bold enough to say that I know of no other country where credit is so plentiful and so freely given as in India. Furthermore I know of no other country where the people are as money-wise as here."

Turning to the Indian banks the speaker said that they arrived late on the banking scene. From the very outset they had laboured under a number of handicaps. The field had been dominated by the strongly entrenched Imperial Bank, and the Exchange Banks. The Indian banks had also to face the competition from the indigenous bankers. Then too, most of the Indian banks were undercapitalised. There was a scarcity of Indian personnel trained in bank management according to western standards. He expressed the opinion that many of those handicaps were steadily being surmounted.

"Because western banking traditions have not been generally well understood in India" Mr. Heyden went on to say, "it has been difficult to find a sufficient number of suitable bank directors. A bank director need have a practical knowledge of banking, but he should understand the fundamental principles.

INSUFFICIENCY OF CAPITAL

"The greatest weakness in Indian banking" continued Mr. Heyden, "lies in insufficiency of individual bank capital. Banking is definitely not a business for the small capitalist"

"To me it is a curious anomaly" continued Mr. Heyden that our legislators should decree under the Indian Companies Act that a bank may be established with a capital as small as half a lakh of rupees. At the same time, under the Reserved Bank Act it is provided that only a bank with capital funds of five lakhs of rupees may be classified as a scheduled bank and thus come under the protecting wing of the central institution.

One of the most useful provisions in the Reserve Bank Act, continued Mr. Heyden provides that the bank may purchase bills and use such bills as a basis for the issuance of currency notes. If, therefore, a large supply of bills is created and held in the portfolios of the various member banks,

DISCOUNT PRIVILEGE

There is a misunderstanding among some Indian Bankers expressed Mr. Heyden in regard to the function of the (Reserved) Bank in re-discounting bills. These bankers have felt that the Reserve Bank should buy their bills so as to permit them to expand their business. In other words, they have been seeking the re-discount privilege for the purpose of increasing their working capital. obviously, it is not the function of the reserve bank to provide banks with working capital. The Reserve Bank should re-discount bills for two purposes only: first, to assist a sound bank in obtaining cash for temporary requirements, and second, to acquire bills for the expansion of currency to relieve momentary stringency.

With the development of co-operation with the Reserve Bank, concluded Mr. Heyden, I feel that Indian banking generally will progress along sound lines to the lasting benefit of the economic structure of their country.

INDIAN STUDENTS IN ENGLAND

High Commissioner's Report On Lodgings

"The demand for accommodation by Indian students visiting England for further studies is mainly for private families taking only one guest. But it is difficult to find houses of this type, especially in central districts and convenient suburbs."

This remark is made by the High Commissioner for India in his Report on the working of India's Accommodation Officer with the High Commissioner for 1937.

Accommodation of this nature is usually obtainable only at a figure which the majority of Indian students are not prepared or in a position to pay, says the Report. The accommodation list that has been built up is, on the whole satisfactory. There are more than enough small boarding houses and guest houses of a good character.

The Accommodation Officer received 208 enquiries from students, parents or others, concerning accommodation. She was in communication with 176 landladies and private families, and inspected 95 houses.

The High Commissioner considers that the advice and assistance provided by the Accommodation Officer is greatly appreciated by the students, who consult her, and by their parents and guardians in India, and the Government of India have sanctioned accordingly the appointment of Miss C. H. Bose, Educational Officer, as part time Accommodation Officer for a further period of three years from April 1, 1938 subject to reconsideration at any time within that period if it is considered necessary or desirable.

Congressman Arrested And Bailed Out

LUDHIANA.—Mr. K. C. Sharma, Propaganda Secretary of the City Congress Committee of Ludhiana, was arrested by the police on a bailable warrant issued by the Additional District Magistrate under Section 193, Indian Penal Code.

Mr. Sharma was later released on bail.—United Press

CANADA FACES ECONOMIC CRISIS

(From A Special Correspondent)

OTTAWA, November 15.

A new economic crisis is rapidly developing in Canada. Side by side with this development, the forces of reaction are moving into new alignments, to break down the resistance of the people against greater impoverishment. The current monthly publication of the big banks, in pessimistic tones, show the extent of this new crisis. In all important industrial groups outside of minerals, (which are going to the strengthening of the Japanese war machines), 'production has fallen off by more than 20 per cent from the 1937 levels'. Automobile sales and railway earnings show a heavy reduction; and Canada's largest single manufacture, pulp and paper, has fallen off by 27 per cent. How has this slump affected the people?

Already, by February 1938, there were over one and a half million on relief, out of a total population of 11,000,000. In May and June, mass lay-offs in the logging, warehouse and railway industries, added new thousands to the ranks of the unemployed: so that it has been estimated that at least one in every seven persons in Canada is on relief.

Coincident with this increase in unemployment there has come a rise in living costs generally. It is estimated that prices of staple goods have increased on a spread average of from 25 to 50 per cent bread prices rising steadily throughout the year.

To make matters worse, relief grants from the Federal Government to the Provinces have been substantially reduced. The workers, however, have shown that they are not going to remain passive in the face of this fresh attack upon their living standards. The "sit-down" of the Vancouver Single Unemployed in public buildings as a means of compelling the Provincial and Federal Governments to institute works programmes, and the numerous mass actions of the unemployed in other parts of the country for similar works programme and adequate relief, are clear indications of their militant spirit.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The sixteenth session of the Yeotmal District Conference under the auspices of the Yeotmal District Association is to be held at Yeotmal on 23rd and 24th inst. Mr. T. K. Kedar, M.L.A., Vice-Chairman of the Nagpur University will preside. Mr. M. P. Kolhe is the Chairman of the Reception Committee.

CALCUTTA.—A black terracotta plaque, representing the goddess Indrani, has been presented to the Ashutosh Museum of Art of Calcutta University by Mr. Atul Chandra Mirbahar, from Kabirajpur, District Faridpur. Although made of clay, the fine poise of the figure and its clean finish gives it the appearance of a work in stone. It is a work of the 15th century and can compare favourably with sculptural efforts of the artists of Orissa. The goddess is seated on an elephant and in her two hands are a bow and shakti (Indian javelin).

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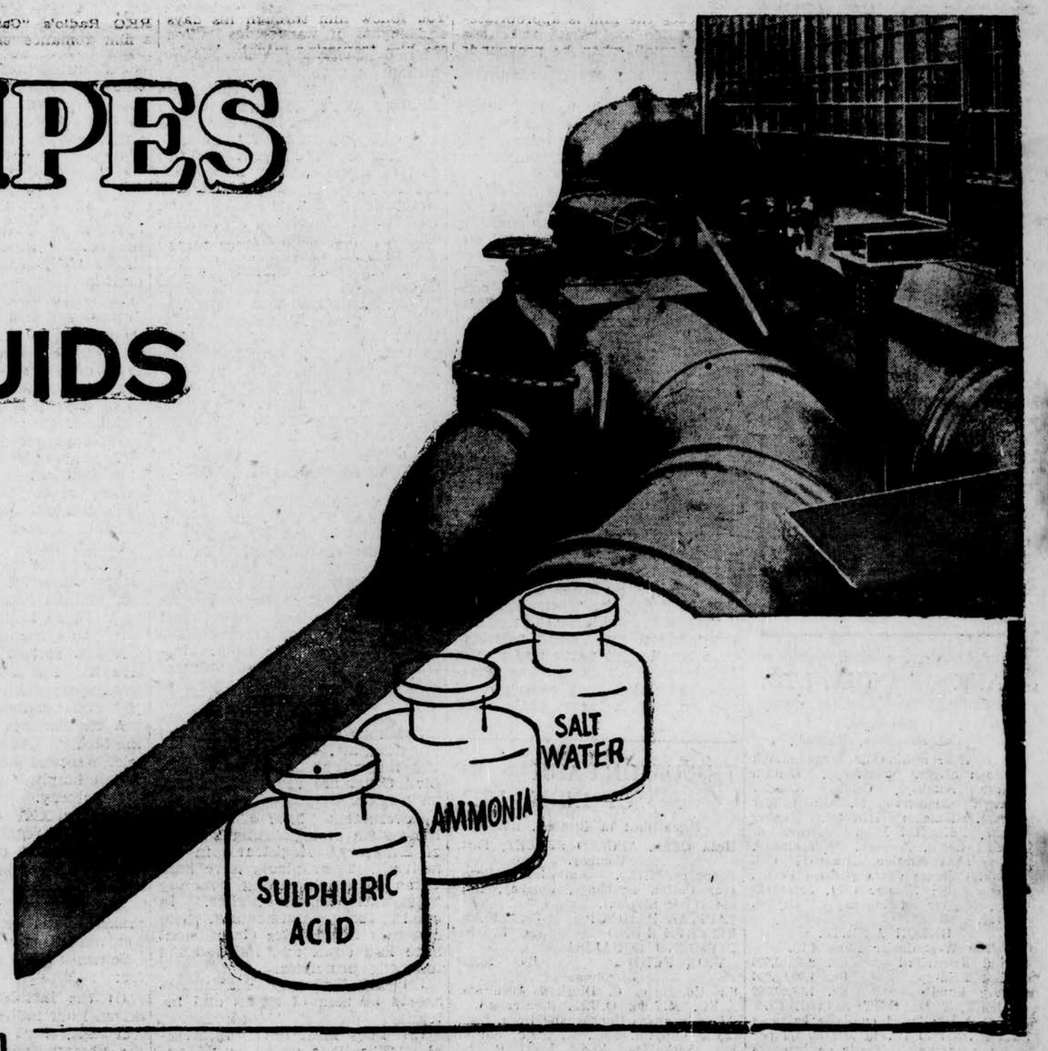

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How Congress Ministry Dealt With Riots

Achievements Of Bombay Government

JAIL REFORMS—REINSTATEMENT OF OFFICIALS WHO RESIGNED DURING C. D. MOVEMENT

The following are further extracts from the Review of the work of the Bombay Government for the second half year. The first instalment appeared in the issue of the "Chronicle" dated the 13th December:—

INDIGENOUS MEDICINE.

There has been an insistent demand for recognition of Ayurvedic and Unani systems of medicine. Government have now introduced a bill for this purpose. It provides for the registration of such indigenous medical practitioners as have had a full scientific training and also of those who have been continuously practising for not less than 10 years. Provision is also made for those with less than 10 years' practice provided that they prove that they had training considered satisfactory by the Board of Indian Systems of Medicine.

There will be a Board of Indian Systems of Medicine, who will look after registration, training courses, examinations, etc. The Board will also maintain lists of those practising indigenous systems on March 10, 1938, and also of those, who though not registered under any of the registration Acts, have been practising any system of medicine, on March 10, 1938. This will enable Homoeopaths and others to come on the list. None but those registered under this Bill or under the Bombay Medical Act, 1912, or entered on the lists mentioned above would be allowed to practise any of system of medicine, midwifery, or surgery. But this prohibition will not affect dentists, nurses, midwives or dais. The Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly having reported on the Bill, it is now ready for Second reading.

CIVIL LIBERTY.

Never did the press enjoy so much freedom as during the last 12 months. In only one solitary instance was it found necessary to demand security under the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act from a Bombay paper for scurrilous writings on communal affairs.

The ban has been lifted from about 100 forfeited publications, and the question of removing it from other forfeited publications is under consideration.

The remaining three "political" prisoners in this Province, of whom two had been sentenced in the Bhusaval Bomb case and one in the Dhobi Talao Shooting case, were set at liberty, and there is now no "political" prisoner convicted before the present Ministry came into power, in any jail of this Province.

The Bill to repeal the Bombay (Special) (Emergency) Powers Act of 1932 was passed almost without a dissentient voice in the Legislature.

COMMUNAL SITUATION.

The communal situation has been on the whole satisfactory. The policy of releasing communal riots prisoners who had undergone a substantial term of imprisonment was tried with success in Poona, Surat and Sholapur.

Regarding the communal disturbance which broke out on the 17th of April, the 'Review' says:—

"While the cause of the riot was ostensibly a row among members of a small card party under the influence of drink, it was generally admitted that a communal riot on such a large scale could not have developed in the absence of other circumstances. The ground for it seems to have been carefully prepared by the secret circulation of leaflets and by inflammatory writings in an irresponsible section of the press. The Bombay Government, however, received congratulations from all sides for bringing under control within a short time a serious situation which might have been much worse, but for the prompt action, sound judgment and firmness of Government.

As an aftermath of this disturbance Mr. Munshi introduced in the Legislature a Bill to restore to the police the power of deporting undesirables from Bombay city which had been rendered inoperative by a recent decision of the Courts. He acted with promptitude. The usual seven days' notice of the introduction of a Bill was waived by the Speaker at his request and the Bill introduced on April 25, passed its third reading on the 29th.

Two other minor riots occurred during the Muharram celebrations in March—one at Nadiad in the Kaira District and the other at Dharangaon in the East Khandesh District involving 46 and 23 casualties respectively, but the local authorities were able to bring the situation under control almost immediately.

The Working Committee of the Congress which met in May last in Bombay commended the measures adopted by the Bombay Government to quell the riots to other Provincial Governments.

POLICE.

The reorganisation of certain sections of the Police Force is under consideration. For example, Government are examining the question whether the conditions of service affecting Europeans and Indians in the subordinate ranks of the Bombay City Police cannot be modified so as to eliminate the differences between Sergeants and Sub-Inspectors. Though certain factors arising out of the cost of living might necessitate the retention of special pay for Europeans. Government think that other differences could be composed without impairing the efficiency of the force.

An important change which Government propose to introduce in the Police system is the establishment of a Volunteer Police Corps in Bombay. It is to be a part of the police machinery subject to the control of the Commissioner of Police and will assist the police in times of emergency. The change cannot be introduced without legislation and a Bill will be brought in the Legislative Assembly as soon as it is ready.

COURTS.

A scheme for the separation of the Executive and Judiciary is still under examination. In the meantime some reforms in the working of the Courts have been introduced. The hours of work in Courts have been revised and extended to reduce arrears. The District Judges have been instructed to take note of unpunctual or irregular attendance of subordinate judges.

Proposals for cheaper and more expeditious methods of disposal of litigation in Bombay City, including the establishment of a City Civil Court are also under contemplation.

Government have discontinued the system of appointing Benches of Honorary Magistrates in the mofussil. Their places have been taken by single sitting honorary magistrates in all districts. In making the appointments of these honorary magistrates Government have laid down and followed the following principles:—

(a) The Honorary Magistrates should be men of status and integrity.

(b) They must have educational qualifications which would enable them to write appealable judgments in English.

(c) They should not ordinarily be practising lawyers in the district, but if they are, they should be prepared to give up their practice during the term they are honorary magistrates.

PRISON REFORM.

One of the earliest measures of reform which the present Government took in hand was the reorganisation of the jail system. Government have long felt that the Jail rules required alteration in many respects and that a revision of the Jail Manual was necessary. Pending a complete reorganisation of the system, Government have introduced a number of changes in jails as shown below.—

Instructions have been issued to the effect that 'C' class prisoners should be permitted to write 2 letters (one at Government's cost and the other at the prisoner's own), to receive two letters and to obtain one interview in the course of 2 months, while 'B' class prisoners should be given the same privileges monthly. The normal privileges of prisoners in respect of interviews and letters should not be curtailed except in extreme cases.

Orders have been issued that adequate facilities for interviews should be provided, where such do not already exist, in order that both prisoners and their friends should be able to sit down and talk with reasonable comfort. Instructions have also been issued that both prisoners and their friends should be treated with all proper courtesy and tact at the time of interviews as well as on other occasions.

Subordinate Medical Officers have been instructed to show consideration, courtesy and tact in their attitude towards prisoners.

It has been impressed upon all jail officials that Government attach very great importance to the scrupulously fair and courteous behaviour on their part towards their charges.

Members of the Provincial Legislature (including any available lady M.L.A.s or M.L.C.s) residing in the area in which a jail is situated have been brought on the Committees of Visitors, as non-official members, for the Central and District Prisons and the Jails in the City of Bombay. Local M.L.A.s and M.L.C.s have also been included in the Committees of Visitors for sub-jails at the headquarters of the districts where such Committees existed. Committees of Visitors with the local M.L.A.s or M.L.C.s as non-official members have been constituted for the sub-jails at most of the remaining District headquarters where such Committees did not exist. The Mayor of Bombay in the case of the Bombay City Jails and the President of the local Municipality in the case of the Central Prisons have also been included in the Committees of Visitors as non-official members.

Hand-spinning has been introduced in Yeravda Female Jail experimentally and an experimental class has been opened in the Thana Jail.

Jail authorities have been authorised to grant ordinary and special remission to prisoners up to the increased maximum of 1|3rd instead of 1|4th of their sentence.

Orders have been passed that whipping should not be inflicted as a jail punishment without the approval of Government, pending the consideration of the whole future policy of Government in the matter.

The scale of ordinary remission to prisoners has been revised as follows:—

Ordinary convict—from 12 days to 21 days per quarter.

Night Watchman—from 15 days to 18 days per quarter.

Convict Overseer—from 18 days to 21 days per quarer.

In addition to the above, prisoners are to be allowed 10 days remission per standard for educational attainments.

Orders have also been issued directing that the remission granted by Rule 722 of the Bombay Jail Manual should be extended to prisoners employed as hospital attendants, barbers, gardeners, etc.

A new revised and comprehensive list has been printed of newspapers allowed for "A" and "B" class prisoners.

A circular has been issued that the Medical Officer should always take a second opinion if a patient in jail hospital is not progressing satisfactorily.

Chapter XXV of the Bombay Jail Manual regarding special rules for short-term prisoners in the Bombay City Jails has been cancelled.

A section for juvenile female prisoners has been opened in the Yeravda Female Jail.

Schemes have been sanctioned for:

(i) the installation of power-driven flour mills in the four Central Jails, three District Jails and the Borstal School, Dharwar;

(ii) the installation of radios in the four Central Jails and the Borstal School, Dharwar;

(iii) the installation of a power-driven water pump at the Borstal School, Dharwar; and

(iv) the employment of a Weaving Assistant to organise and instruct the Textile Departments of Jails.

A proposal for the reorganisation of jail services is under consideration of Government at present. Sanction has been accorded to an

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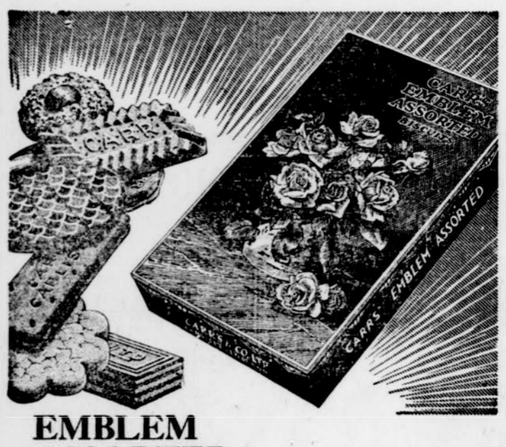

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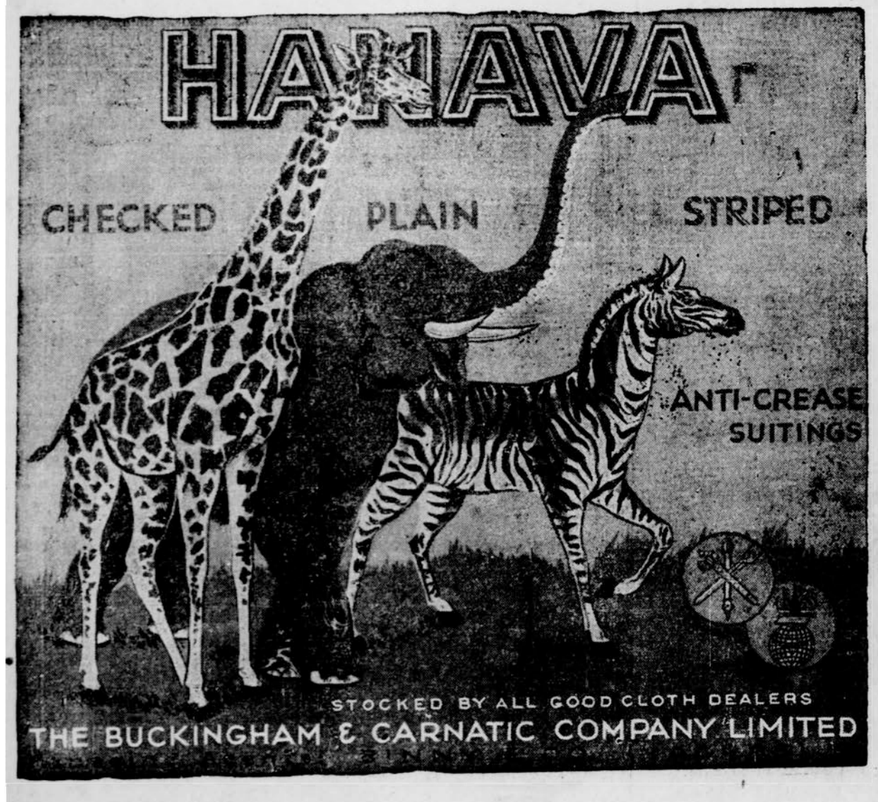

Achievements Of Bombay Government

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improved scale of diet for "C" class prisoners. Certain forms of manual labour such as hand grinding as at present are proposed to be abolished, except as a punishment. Proposals for introducing flour mills worked by bullocks as in the Punjab and chakkis with ball-bearings in small jails are under investigation. Monetary awards for prisoners' labour will also be given under certain conditions, that is to say, a prisoner will be allowed 3 pies for each day of remission.

The whole question of prison industries is under examination and the Director of Industries has been asked to report on it. But in the meanwhile agricultural assistants in the three Central Jails at Yeravda, Sabarmati and Nasik are being appointed to train prisoners in vegetable gardening.

Special measures are being adopted to promote education among the jail population. Appointments of two trained teachers to work among prisoners at the Sabarmati and Belgaum Central Jails are being sanctioned, and Magic Lantern lectures will be provided in principal jails as soon as suitable arrangements are ready.

Facilities for those observing religious fasts are also being provided. Under the existing rules Muhammaden prisoners are allowed to observe fast during Ramzan. It is now proposed to extend these facilities to other communities as well, Hindus being allowed to fast on Ramnavami, Gokul Ashtami, Maha Shivaratri and on Ashadhi and Kartiki Ekadashis. Suitable diet will be given to those who observe fast on these days.

Government have also under consideration proposals for the issue of chaddars to prisoners during hot weather, and for introducing electric lighting in the district prisons at Dhulia and Bijapur and improved lighting arrangements in other jails to enable prisoners to read at night.

The Visapur Prison Farm has been closed as the recent investigation into its administration, which was far from efficient, revealed that it was not advantageous to continue it. The prison population of Visapur has been transferred to other central prisons where accommodation was available and this will result in an annual saving of about Rs. 56,000.

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS AND THE PUBLIC

Special instructions have been issued to Government officers impressing upon them the need for closer contact between themselves and the public The Commissioners and Collectors have been told to get into touch with the local leaders of the people where their co-operation could be helpful.

A successful administration requires harmony and understanding between the general public and Government servants. Abusive attacks on the services, it is pointed out, do not help the public, without whose co-operation no progress is possible.

A strict warning has been issued against the acceptance of parties by Government officers on their visits to villages at the expense of the villagers.

Government servants are now permitted to attend political meetings or party gatherings provided they take no part in them which would indicate or suggest their political or party leanings. There is also no bar to watandars, other than officiating watandars, becoming members of political organisations but when watandars officiate, they are considered as Government servants and as such they have to sever all connection with such organisations.

COMMUNAL PROPORTION

The attention of all Heads of Offices has been invited to the orders of Government regarding the recruitment of the Backward and Intermediate Classes and they have been asked to see that these orders are strictly observed.

ALL-INDIA STUDENTS' CONFERENCE

Kamaladevi To Preside

LUCKNOW, Dec. 16

Mr. Answar Harvani, General Secretary of the All-India Students Federation, informs the "United Press" that the next session of the All-India Students Conference will be held at Calcutta on December 30 and 31 and January 1, 1939, under the presidency of Mrs Kamaladevi Chattopadhyaya.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru will address the conference on December 31 and January 1. Pandit Nehru, it may be stated, was elected President of the Conference but as the dates were not suitable to him he has agreed to attend the conference as a visitor and hold discussion with the student leaders to help them in developing students' movement in India.

Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose, Congress President, has also agreed to attend and address the conference.—United Press.

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Arrangements have been made by the Company to open an office in the Federated Malay States. The building policy of the Company is to erect palatial buildings in all the important centres of the Company's activity. The Calcutta building has already earned a reputation for the Company while the new buildings at Madras and Bombay are nearing completion. The directors propose to purchase a good site at Lahore also. We congratulate the Company on its popularity and progress.

Alleged Assault On Two Constables

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two constables were assaulted in the Fort area yesterday evening by a man alleged by the police to be a bad character. Abdul Rehman Husan was produced to-day before the Presidency Magistrate, third Court, on a charge of assault.

The police, in applying for a remand of the accused to custody, stated that the accused was arrested yesterday by a constable as he was supposed to be a damaged character.

He is alleged to have assaulted two Constables. He was overpowered and taken to the police station.

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Grave Position Of Investors: Stock Exchange Authorities Must Move In Matter

The recent decision of the Privy Council in the suit "Secretary of State v. the Bank of India Ltd." virtually questions the title of every holder of Government Securities.

If the judgment of the highest judicial court is accepted as final and binding, the position of the security-holder is now more unsafe and more insecure than it was prior to this judgment.

Crores of rupees are invested in Government Securities, and it is time that Stock Exchanges and Banks who do extensive business daily thought seriously of the disastrous effect of the decision of the Privy Council.

In this respect, we give below the letter received from Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee, Banking Co., Ltd. and propose to deal at length with the serious consequences involved in the judgment in due course:—

TEXT OF THE LETTER

"Perhaps you are aware of a recent judgment given by the Privy Council in the Suit "Secretary of State vs. the Bank of India Ltd." in the matter of an appeal from a decree and judgment, dated September 10, 1936, of the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Civil Appellate Jurisdiction, (Beaumont C.J. and Rangnekar J.), affirming a decree and judgment of the same court in its Original Civil Jurisdiction, (B.J. Wadia J.), dated March 6, 1936.

The decision of the High Court of Bombay is reported in 33 Bombay Law Reporter, at page 1205. The judgment on the appeal by the Privy Council (Present: Lord Wright, Sir Shadi Lal and Sir George Rankin) is reported in 40 Bombay Law Reporter at page 863.

SAFETY OF SECURITIES

The facts are set out in full in both the above Reports and on going through them you will be able to see that the Privy Council decision has set to nought the view which has been held all along by the investors in Government Securities as to the protection afforded to them by the renewal of Government Promissory Notes. As you are aware, the investors in Government Promissory Notes come from all walks of life. Not only do financiers, bankers and brokers invest in Government Securities, but Trustees, Charities, widows and other small investors also largely invest in them which have so long always been considered the most secure and gilt-edged investment. But the recent judgment has upset everything and it is a question whether these Government Securities can be considered any longer safe and gilt-edged. For, even after a dozen years or more (the Government has the option to sue up to 60 years), the Government can hold the renewer responsible for any of the invalid endorsements appearing in the cages above his signature. And it seems the Government is bent upon exercising this legal prerogative which they have, on the ground of legal technicalities, possibly now acquired. No doubt you would have read the "Guide Book for Investors in Government Securities" published from time to time under the authority of the Government of India. On the one hand, the Government have in it made very clear representations to the public that the renewal of Government Securities affords to them protection. I would refer you to items 57, 58, in the 1919 edition of the aforesaid Guide Book and recapitulate these for your ready reference:

"57. In the case of promissory notes renewal may be either optional or compulsory, in either case it is of considerable importance both to Government and to the public. The importance arises from the fact that a renewed promissory note is an entirely new contract with the person in whose favour it is issued. Consequently, if the old note is not properly discharged, both the old and the new contract remain in force. The holder of a note may, indeed, receipt or discharge it for renewal and get a new note in his own name, but if he is not the person who has power and right to discharge the old note, there will still be claims on Government under it, independently of those under the new note, that is, both will be in legal force at the same time. The Public Debt Office, therefore, is careful not to issue a new engagement until the cancellation of the old one is in proper legal form, the mere issue of a new note does not cancel the old.

"58. The fact that renewal gives a clean title to a note makes the right to claim renewal, that is to have Government's obligation to the holder admitted and declared an important one. A person who receives a note may be to some extent doubtful of the validity of the chain of endorsements but by receipting it for renewal he can always raise the question and have it decided. Similarly from the point of view of the interests of Government, when a note is presented at a Treasury or at any other Government Office and when there is any question as to the validity of the endorsements thereon or as to the ownership of the note the Public Debt Office should have the opportunity which renewal affords, of examining the title to the note before any act is done which binds Government to admit the holder's ownership. It is for this reason that in paragraph 36 Treasury Officers have been instructed to refuse to pay interest whenever any of the endorsements are other than such as may be accepted without question under the provisions of Chapter V. All other Government Officers who receive notes by endorsement should likewise, unless the validity of the endorsements is clear and beyond question have the title to such notes tested by the Public Debt Office by requiring the holder to apply for renewal."

On perusal of these, you will see that the Government have clearly represented to the public that renewal gives them protection. Can now the same Government go to a Court of Law and sue a renewer on the ground of legal technicalities and get a decision against renewer? Is it proper or just, apart from the fact that the Government are stopped from so doing? Did the Government point out to the Hon'ble Courts the representations that they themselves have made to the public? If an ordinary businessman failed to do certain things which he was morally bound to do. I believe he would be looked down upon among businessmen and in society. I do not know whether the same ethics would apply to a Government and would leave you to judge it.

OPEN TO GRAVE RISK

My only object in writing this to you is that the eyes of the investing public, particularly the poor investors, trustees of charities etc., should be opened to the grave risk that has come upon the renewer of Government Securities, and therefore to the investors in Government Securities. As you have always upheld the cause of the public, I have thought it my duty to point out to you the repercussions of this judgment as well as the attitude which the Government of India have taken in the matter without caring to foresee the serious consequences which it is bound to have on the popularity, security and negotiability of Government Securities which can justifiably now be hardly called Gilt-edged and the title of which will now become almost as difficult to determine as that of an immovable property.

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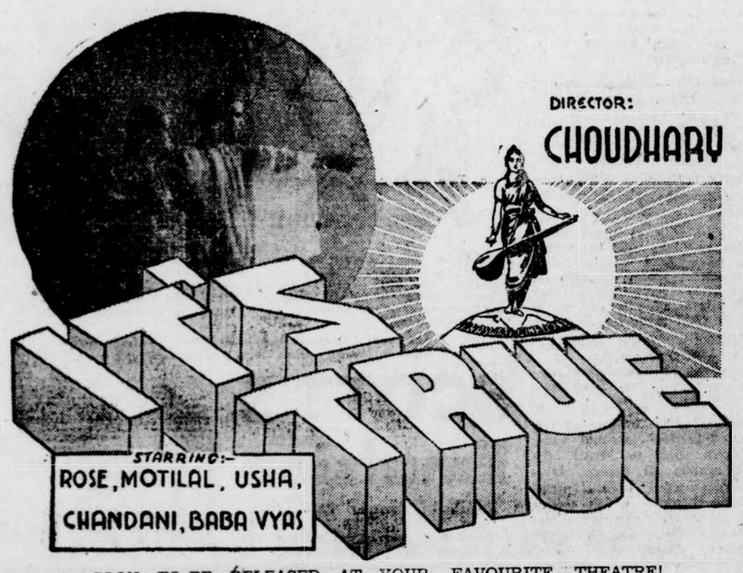

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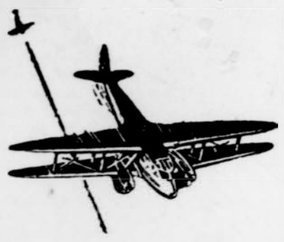

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WELLS SPEAKS TO INDIA FROM DECK

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I want to see what 'you' are all thinking, what your intentions are, how you are preparing for the future world."

His next book "Holy Terror" will deal with democracy and dictators, but his is only 'one' brain. "What about other brains? What will India contribute?"

The reporters return to definite concrete questions and Wells with a twinkle of amusement answers them.

"What do you think of modern literature?"

"A critic should answer that, not a writer. A writer is too busy with his own writings and too egotistic to be a good critic! But I think there is vigorous writing among the young. The best literature is coming from America however, not from England."

"What about freedom of speech? "Oh! yes. I am a believer in freedom of speech!" Then, with a smile, "Much nonsense is recognized as such if it is talked about! Let all be free to talk!"

"Do you admire Gandhiji?"

"I won't answer that," says Wells. **"I am prepared to discuss political ideas, but not political characters. Let's keep to ideas."**

"Then, do you believe in non-violence?"

"I do not, for the world as it is, is based on a balance of forces."

Another question is, "What do you think of Nazi Jewish persecution?"

"You should know more about it than I do", says Wells. You talk to so many people. I don't think I have anything very special to say." Then a pause, and in a solemn tone: "It is a cruel monstrosity!" His plans?

In about two months' time he will cross over India in a Dutch plane, stopping at Jodhpur. "For how long?"

"Oh, ever so much longer than on this first visit." Then, "Three days instead of three hours." Meantime, he will have attended the Congress of the Society for the Advancement of Science Meeting in Australia where scientists will use the grey matter of their brains to do some hard thinking and see how science can be used to solve political and social problems.

"But now you have had enough" says Mr. Wells, dismissing the interviewers, not, however, without a most cordial handshake and a friendly smile to each.

The Congress President will commence his Bihar tour only after January 10, on completion of his South Indian tour.—United Press.

INDIAN INDUSTRIES

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well-organised. It will be useful to place this movement on an All-India basis with membership which must be restricted to habitual users of Swadeshi. The All-India League should carry on the work through Provincial Organisations. These Provincial Bodies can hold Swadeshi Fairs, maintain Swadeshi Museums at important trade centres, demonstrate and exhibit Swadeshi Products, organise lectures on Swadeshi, use posters and Cinema slides, if funds permit, propaganda vans with moving shows and lecturing units can be maintained. The expenses of these activities can be defrayed from either voluntary or compulsory contribution from Indian manufacturers on graded scale, from membership subscription and from grants of provincial Governments and Local Bodies. The work of the League will relieve our manufacturers of a substantial portion of their propaganda expenses, which are for them very hard to bear under present circumstances. They can utilise this saving in useful research and other activities, and in improving the condition of their labours.

State Help

Mercantile Associations can also assist the cause of Swadeshism, by recommending to their members the sale of Indian made articles to the exclusion of competing foreign manufactures. Local Self-Government and Government Bodies have now a policy of purchasing Indian goods, but the charge can still be levelled that they are not following it vigorously. Few of the municipalities grant concessions in octroi and similar levies. When I once discussed this concession with a very high official of a Provincial Government, I was told that this step involves power of protective legislation which is a central subject. If this view is correct, necessary legislation must be forthwith enacted to empower municipalities to remove octroi and similar taxes on Indian articles, when they so desire.

Hall Marks

Indian products taken as a whole have still not acquired the reputation for quality essential to inspire merchants' and consumers' confidence. Many reasons have played their part herein. But at present the suitable way to create this confidence is to fix a standard of quality for every class of manufactures, and to devise a mark to represent it. The manufactures whose products conform to this standard should be permitted to use it on their goods. This system is introduced in India in marketing of agricultural and certain other products. Its adoption in manufactured goods will greatly facilitate their sales by dispelling merchants' and consumers' doubts about workmanship. Besides, it will raise the general standard of quality. This work can be entrusted to a Standard Bureau in the Department of Industries' because, leaving it to private bodies may give rise to unfair criticism or unwanted practices.

Research

All these activities must be so arranged that every industry has equal opportunity. A Central Industrial Research Laboratory with an expert staff run jointly by the Department of Industries and University Research and Technical Departments will be well suited to do this work. Accommodation should also be provided for outsiders desiring to work therein for a limited period, on payment of certain amount as monthly fees. It can keep in touch with foreign experts to obtain assistance in solving industrial problems. This Laboratory can also be used for training of Research students, who can later on be absorbed by the industry.

Factory Organisation has become a specialised science, and the production capacity of every plant can be increased by scientific management. Periodical illustrated lectures on this subject can be organised by the Department of Industries for the benefit of producers. Other ways will have to be adopted to spread this knowledge amongst manufacturers in the mofussil. All these educational activities will serve to bring the department and those who stand in need of its assistance closer to each other, besides serving its primary purpose.

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should they extend their co-operation.

I, therefore, call upon all my friends to come down to Surat and make a clear cut decision upon the subject.

LITERACY DRIVE IN VILLAGES

Issue Before Surat Conference

Mr. T. Godiwalla, the General Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Students Federation writes:

All preparations are complete for the third session of the B. P. S. F. to be held at Surat on December 17, 18 and 19.

The Conference will be presided over by Prof. K. T. Shah and inaugurated by Mr. S. A. Brelvi. Prof. Shah is expected to reach Surat on Saturday and Mr. Brelvi on Sunday when they will be taken from station in a procession.

Batches of delegates are now reaching Surat. The Bombay batch headed by Mr. P. K. Kurane, the office Secretary of the B. P. S. F. will leave for Surat to-night.

I, however, feel it my duty to appeal to my student friends to give the benefit of their presence at the conference as momentous decisions are to be made during the session. One is the demand for "Students' Representative Councils" in every educational institution while the other is the issue of our co-operation with the Congress Government of Bombay in their Adult Education scheme. Last year we carried out a literacy campaign in villages of Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra. The lead we gave that way was hailed as a noble one and we also felt gratified for the same. But in view of the vastness of illiterate masses in the province our service was too insignificant. Our hands were then bound by financial limitation and there was no possibility of our overcoming that shortcoming.

The Congress Government has taken up the cause this year. They have allotted a sum of Rs. 170,000 for educating the illiterate populace of the urban's and rural areas.

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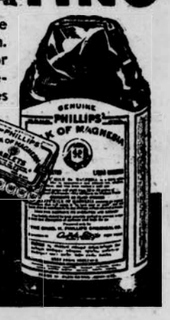

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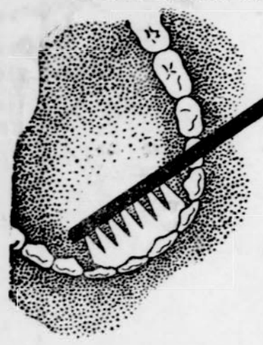

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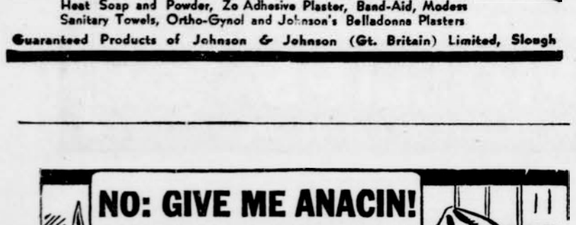

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New York, Dec. 15.

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Electric Bond Common	11
Electric Bond 5 p.c. Pfd.	60
Columbia Gas and Elec.	7
American Tel and Tel	148 1/2
Sun Life of Canada	430
Western Union Telg.	24
Chesapeake and Ohio Rly.	35
New York Central Rly.	19 1/4
Texas Corp.	44 3/4
Amr. Tobacco B.	86
Union Carbide	90
United States Steel	66
Bethlehem Steel	75
Republic Steel	24
Pittsburgh Screw and Bolt	9
United S. Smelting	61
Anaconda Copper Mining	35 1/4
Int. Nickel of Canada	54 1/4
Chrysler Motors	83
General Motors	50 1/2
General Electric	43 1/2
Curtis Wright	7
Consolidated Oil	8 5/8
Socony Oil	13 1/4
Chase Bank	31
National City Bank	22 1/2

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A press communique states:

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1 Demand Liabilities—	
(a) In India	126,15,34,000
(b) In Burma	6,93,10,000
2. Time Liabilities—	
(a) In India	101,84,04,000
(b) In Burma	4,55,75,000
3. Cash—	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes—	
(a) In India	5,39,68,000
(b) In Burma	1,65,000
(ii) Burma Notes—	
(a) In India	14,000
(b) In Burma	25,01,000
(iii) Rupee Coin—	
(a) In India	74,74,000
(b) In Burma	48,000
(iv) Subsidiary Coin—	
(a) In India	35,06,000
(b) In Burma	82,000
4. Balances with Reserve Bank	11,67,74,000
5. Advances—	
(a) In India	102,54,51,000
(b) In Burma	3,54,42,000
6. Bills discounted—	
(a) In India	3,60,25,000
(b) In Burma	25,68,000

SUGAR MARKET REMAINS STRONG

Further Rise In Prices

FOREIGN SUGARS.

Bombay, Dec. 14.

Since our last review, local market for Java sugar continued to remain firm with good deal of activity and an advance of 2 1/2 annas in near and about 1 1/2 to 2 annas per cwt. in forward was registered over the last week. This was mainly due to steady improvement in London Terminal prices and further increase in Java Exporters limits of about 2 to 3d per cwt. as compared with last week. Besides recent sharp advance in prices of Indian sugars almost equal to prices of foreign sugars especially Java sugar, gave rise for continued enquiries from out ports resulting in good sales for various ports at every advances. Import Houses were in the market for sales of both Java and B Refined sugars and it is reported that fairly good business was placed by them both in Java and local market at full prices. Besides sales of Java it was reported that during the early part of the week, a sale of about 1000 tons of B Refined was made by one of the European Importers on the basis of Rs. 5-11-6 F.B.H. Bombay or Karachi for December. There were further offerings of Java and B. Refined sugars at increased limits but business was not possible as the buyers were not prepared to pay any advance at the moment. Locally there was large turnover between dealers and outsiders and some important sales were made for Ports mostly for near shipments and the close tone of the market was quiet.

INDIAN SUGARS.

Local market for Indian sugars continued to remain strong with further advance of about 8 annas per cwt. owing to scarcity of good dry sugar and in certain cases prices of old sugars have advanced to a higher level than that of the New Crop Sugars, and uncertainty about the Syndicate's policy regarding future sales. Recent jump in prices of Indian sugars work out almost on parity of Foreign sugars in our ports and naturally therefore good business was done for various ports and further business is not unlikely if the present prices of Indian sugars are maintained or go higher. Arrivals during the week were estimated at 800 tons and stocks at 5500 tons as against 1300 and 4900 tons at the same time last year. Tendency of the market was uncertain at the close.

FOREIGN MARKETS

On the New York market, there was an alround advance of 3 points while on the London Terminal market there was an advance of 1/2, 3/4 and 1/4d in March, May and August positions respectively. Java market was reported firm with further advance of about 2d. in Exporters limits while Nivas limits were unchanged. According to the latest telegrams from Java it was reported that the Nivas had stopped sales and refuse to consider further bids for the present. During the week fair quantities were sold by Java Export Houses for India and the East at increased limits and tendency was reported to be higher.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI.

There was some activity in Karachi for foreign sugars owing to sharp rise in Indian sugars almost on parity of Indian sugars of similar qualities but so far no definite information is available. Indian sugars both for Calcutta and Karachi markets were strong owing to scarcity of good Indian sugar and the Syndicate not fixing quotas for New Crop. Tendency was uncertain at the close.

GENERAL

Local market for Java sugar is likely to remain steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits, according to the day to day news from foreign markets and movement of Indian sugar market in course of next few days. As regards distant future, much will depend on the definite information about the outurn of the Indian Crop and the decision of the Government of India regarding the change in Import duty at the time of insuing Budget.

All-India Weather

(From Our Correspondent)

POONA, Dec. 16.

The following are the maximum minimum temperature and rainfall figures recorded at various stations during twenty-four hours ending 8 a.m. to-day:—

Station	Temperature Max	Temperature Min	Rainfall Past 24 Hours	Rainfall Total Since 1st Jun	Rainfall Differ- ence to Normal
Agra	77	45	—	—	—0.2
Amraoti	74	57	—	—	—0.7
Akola	84	45	—	—	—0.7
Ahmedabad	87	58	—	—	—0.2
Ahmeda	75	41	—	—	—0.5
Allahabad	76	44	—	—	—0.5
BOMBAY	88	67	—	1.1	+0.7
Bangalore	81	60	—	0.1	—3.2
Baroda	89	44	—	—	—
Belgaum	82	52	—	1.1	—0.8
Bijapur	84	49	—	0.1	—1.1
Bhavnagar	85	58	—	—	—0.1
Cawnpore	81	50	—	—	—0.5
Calicut	89	76	—	1.4	—4.5
Colombo	88	74	0.1	5.7	—0.7
Cochin	87	77	—	6.4	—1.3
Delhi	75	41	—	—	—0.3
Hyderabad (Dn.)	83	47	—	—	—1.1
Hyderabad (Sd.)	81	55	—	—	—0.1
Indore	80	43	—	—	—0.5
Jhansi	80	44	—	—	—0.3
Jubbulpore	79	41	—	—	—0.7
Jaipur	78	47	—	—	—0.2
Karwar	91	65	—	1.8	—0.2
Karachi	82	59	—	—	—0.1
Kodaikanal	56	53	0.9	4.5	—6.7
Khandwa	85	42	—	—	—0.7
Lucknow	78	44	—	—	—0.3
Multan	76	44	—	—	—0.2
Mysore	84	61	—	0.4	—2.4
Madras	82	73	—	2.6	—15.3
Marmagoa	91	70	—	1.0	—
Malegaon	85	45	—	0.1	—0.5
Mangalore	91	69	—	2.1	—1.3
Nagpur	83	46	—	—	—1.0
Patna	75	48	—	—	—0.3
Peshawar	65	39	—	0.1	—0.4
Poona	83	43	—	0.3	—0.8
Rangoon	94	74	—	9.9	+6.9
Ratnagiri	92	70	—	2.9	+2.0
Rajkot	89	48	—	—	—0.3
Sholapur	84	49	—	—	—1.3
Surat	92	59	—	—	—0.2
Trichinopoly	82	71	T	0.7	—6.2

T indicates rainfall of 1 to 4 Cents.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER REPORT

POONA, Dec. 16.

The Western disturbance is still affecting North-West India. There has been fairly widespread rain in South-East Madras; Pamban and Kodaikanal reporting one inch, Nagapatam three quarters and Madura a quarter. Night temperatures were markedly below normal in North Deccan and West Central India. Forecast until evening of seventeenth:—Rainfall will be fairly widespread in the South of the Peninsula. Local rain or snow is also expected in an around Kashmir.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 16-12-1938.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.020 inches.

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.1 degrees.

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 64.8 degrees.

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 87.9 degrees 1.6 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 66.7 degrees 1.5 (below normal).

Relative Humidity at 8 a.m. 66 p.c.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 14 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 150 miles.

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during the 24 hours 18 miles per hour.

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10). 0.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 16-12-38.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 75.0 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.13 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.94 inches.

For correction of ship's instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

SHOLAPUR:—Mr. S. C. Chandra, Secretary of the Aryan Defence Committee, contradicts the reports appearing in a certain section of the Press that the Arya Samaj 'Satyagraha' in Hyderabad State is losing force day by day and in a short time will end. "The number of Aryan 'satyagrahis' is the largest in the Nizam's jails. Till now 461 Aryans have been imprisoned and 771 prosecuted" he adds.

Perfume Parade

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

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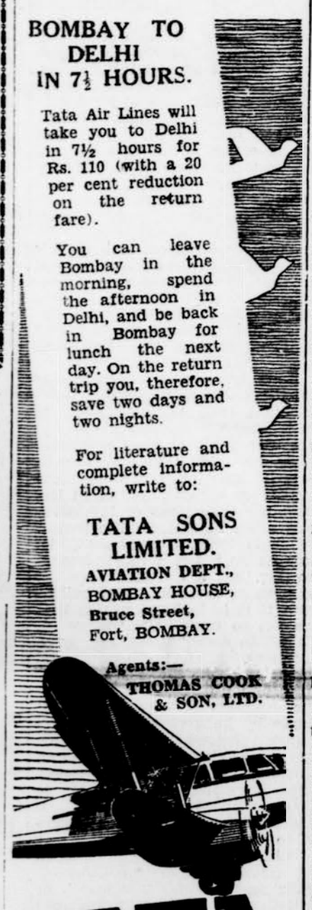

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEWS

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

MONEY.

Steadier monetary conditions evidenced during the previous week continued during the period under report, day-to-day funds being placeable at 1-1/2 per cent. The statement of the Reserve Bank of India made upto 9th December 1938 shows a decline of Rs. 140.16 lacs in Government Deposits, Rs. 52.76 lacs in Bankers' Deposits and a small fall of Rs. 1.09 lacs in Other Deposits. Loans and Advances to Government under "Ways & Means" have risen by Rs. 52 lacs and the total under this head stands at Rs. 74 lacs, while balances held abroad are down by Rs. 7.71 lacs. The total note circulation has increased by Rs. 203.81 lacs, while the ratio of gold plus sterling securities to total liabilities of the Issue Department stands at 50.486 per cent. The statement of the Imperial Bank of India of the same date shows a fall of Rs. 33 lacs in fixed Deposits, whilst Advances by the Bank are up by Rs. 18.14 lacs. The Bank's investments have decreased by Rs. 75.46 lacs and the Cash Balances show an increase of Rs. 24.29 lacs. Tenders to Government for three months' Treasury Bills amounted to Rs. 1.55 crores of which Rs. 1 crore were accepted at an average rate of Rs. 2-1-6 per cent. per annum as compared with Rs. 1-13-6 per cent. in the preceding week. Maturities amounted to Rs. 2 crores as against renewals of Rs. 1 crore. Intermediates to the extent of Rs. 18,25,000 were accepted during the week, whilst the rate of acceptance for intermediates during the current week is further reduced to Rs. 99-7-9. Term money rates were quoted at 1-1/2 to 2 per cent. for three months and 2 to 2-1/4 per cent. for six months.

GILT-EDGED.

Gilt-edged market was a shade easier during the week with fractional declines alround. Dated bonds were particularly offered with few buyers owing to uncertain international political situation. 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper was steady for near delivery and easy for forward owing to banks being unwilling to budlee this settlement because of year-end requirements. The difference between ready and 6th January, 1939 settlement widened to as much as six annas, but narrowed at the close to four annas. The quotation for spot Paper fluctuated between Rs. 98-9 and Rs. 98-7, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock, after an initial fall to £89-1/4, gradually improved and closed at £89-5/8. Among other dated bonds, 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan was about unchanged around Rs. 99-8, 3 per cent. 1963-65 new loan around Rs. 98-1 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan around Rs. 101-7. 3 per cent. 1943 bonds were quoted lower at Rs. 102413, 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan at Rs. 105-2 and 5 per cent. 1940-43 loan at Rs. 105-5. 5 per cent. 1945-55 (Tax free) loan declined from Rs. 116-6 to Rs. 116-2 at the close, whilst 4 per cent. 1943 bonds were static at Rs. 108-5, 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan at Rs. 111-4 and 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan at Rs. 119.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was firm during the period under report, sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s. 5-59/64d. and buyers 1s. 5-15/16d. Continued stringency in the money market was responsible for firmness of the rupee in terms of sterling. The showing of merchandise export bills and business in connection with export of gold or gold coins were small. Forward exchange was weak, the market being one-sided with all buyers and practically no sellers. Selling quotations were based on a discount of 1/64d. per month for forward delivery contracts, but business was restricted except against cover.

Among the foreign exchanges in London, variations in the sterling dollar cross-rate were comparatively small. After opening at 466.87 cents, the rate declined to 465,87 cents, but closed higher at 466.31 cents, while the premium on three months' forward dollars moved down from 2.28 cents to 2.09 cents mid-week, but widened once again at the end to 2.18 cents. The Control was reported to have intervened at the lower level. The franc was subjected to some selling pressure on adverse political developments in Europe. The sterling franc rate advanced from the opening level of frs. 177.53 to frs. 177.81, closing a fraction lower at frs. 177.66 The discount on three months' forward position kept gradually widening from frs. 0.56 to frs. 1.060 at the finish. The guilder, the belga and the lira were almost unchanged, the highest and lowest rates being 8.59-3/4 and 8.57, 27.76 and 27.60 and 88,80 and 88.55 respectively. Among the Far Eastern exchanges, the Shanghai dollar and the yen were almost pegged around 8d. and 1s. 2d. all through.

GOLD

In the local gold market, price fluctuations were in consonance with the movements in the sterling dollar cross-rate. Spot gold, opening steady at Rs. 37-6-6, declined mid-week to Rs. 37-4-3 and after advancing to Rs. 37-6-6 on Tuesday, closed lower at Rs. 37-4. Gold for delivery during January settlement was quoted at a premium of one anna and February settlement at two annas over spot. Business in connection with export of gold or gold coins was negligible. The special buying which had been absent during the past two weeks reappeared at the close and the amount absorbed by this source during the current week is estimated at ..... Forward gold continued to be bid by the public as a hedge against any depreciation in the rupee and this coupled with firmer money rates was responsible for the increased premium on forward gold. The price of the metal in London declined from 149s. to 148s. 10½. mid-week and after a improving to 149s. 1½d. closed lower again at 148s. 8d. The premium on gold over the dollar arbitrage parity ranged between 1d. and nil during the week. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 23-13 throughout the week with very little business. Stocks of gold are estimated at about 350,000 tolas, while daily arrivals from upcountry are estimated to have averaged 20,000 tolas which include arrivals for delivery in the settlement. The offtake is about unchanged at 1,500 tolas a day. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 52,134 in gold bullion and coins. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week aer: Rs. 37-7-6 and Rs. 37-3-6 for spot, Rs. 37-7-6 and Rs. 37-4-3 for December settlement, Rs. 37-8-3 and Rs. 37-4-3 for January settlement and Rs. 37-6-9 and Rs. 37-5-0 for February settlement.

SILVER

Contrasted with the preceding weeks, silver was dull and featureless during the period under report. The quotation for spot opened at Rs. 51-1 and after declining mid-week to Rs. 50-14, closed steadier at Rs. 51-0. Silver for delivery during January settlement was quoted at a discount of one anna six pies under spot, while February settlement silver stood at a similar discount under January settlement. In London, spot silver improved from 20-1/16d. to 20-3/16d. on Tuesday, but closed lower at 20-1/16d. The discount on two months' forward delivery ranged between 11/16d. and 1/2d. Stocks of silver are estimated at about 2,300 bars, while daily offtake averages 20 bars. Imports during the week amounted to Rs. 2,20,668 in silver coins, whereas 328 bars of silver valued at Rs. 4,40,605 were shipped to London per s.s. 'Rawalpindi' last week. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week are: Rs. 51-1-6 and Rs. 50-13-6 for spot, Rs. 51-1-6 and Rs. 50-14-0 for December settlement, Rs. 50-15-6 and Rs. 50-12 for January and Rs. 50-13 and Rs. 50-10-6 for February settlement.

CALCUTTA

The price of hessians for forward delivery declined from Rs. 7-14-6 to Rs. 7-13 during the week. Jute shares, ruling quiet during the earlier part of the week, steadied up later as a result of fair buying support, but the resultant advance in rates could not be sustained and once again easier conditions prevailed, prices losing considerable ground. Activity was much restricted and only a limited turnover transpired during the week.

SHARES

Trading on the local Stock Exchange was comparatively dull during the period under report and price variations were narrow. The forthcoming bank and Stock Exchange holidays are largely responsible for the wait and see policy adopted by operators in the market.

Tata Iron and Steel Deferreds showed a steady rise from Rs. 1.465 to Rs. 1.520, while Ordinaries recorded a gain of 13 points to Rs. 317, closing somewhat lower at Rs. 1,517-8 and Rs. 316-8 respectively. The cotton mill group was neglected, except Bombay Dyeings which were comparatively more active, the quotation ranging between Rs. 886-4 and Rs. 887-8. Centuries, after declining to Rs. 238-8 on Tuesday, made good recovery at the end to Rs. 242-8-0, whilst Central Indias steadily rose from Rs. 234-3 to Rs. 239-8, but reacted and closed at Rs. 236-8; Colaba Lands moved narrowly between Rs. 145 and Rs. 143-8 and Gokas between Rs. 154-8 and Rs. 153-8; Kohinoors were done at Rs. 283-8 earlier in the week, but later found sellers at Rs. 261; whilst New Greats, forged ahead from Rs. 215 to Rs. 221 at the end. Hydro-Electric shares were practically unchanged; Bombay Trams were fairly well maintained around Rs. 123-12 and Andhra Valleys around Rs. 1,412-8; Tata Powers showed small variations around Rs. 1,305 and Tata Hydros around Rs. 156. Bank and Railway shares attracted very little attention, quotations in most cases remaining unchanged around previous week's levels; Bank of Indias showed little or no change around Rs. 148-8 and Central Banks around Rs. 30, whilst Imperial Bank Fully Paids were almost statistic around Rs. 1,571. Reserve Banks changed hands at Rs. 115-12 Ahmed. Prantij Railway scrips were nominally quoted at Rs. 951-4 with practically no investment inquiry, but Tapti Valleys were done at varying rates between Rs. 745 and Rs. 755 In the miscellaneous group, Associated Cements showed good strength around Rs. 109-12, whilst Belapur Sugar, after ruling steady around Rs. 189-8, fell down to Rs. 186-8 at the close; Bombay Burmas recorded a gain of 14 points from Rs. 512-8 to Rs. 526-4, closing slightly weak at Rs. 522-8; Scindia Steams were well maintained around Rs. 18 and New Indias around Rs. 37-9.

PRECIOUS METALS

Bombay, Dec 16

The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious Metals.

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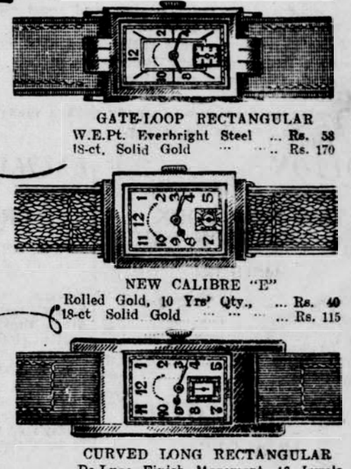

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NEW YORK COTTON SIX POINTS DOWN

Selling Pressure In Silver: Gold Steady

IRREGULAR PRICE MOVEMENTS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, December 16.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York Cotton was brighter on the report indicating no change in rupee, and that the short selling would be restricted in Alexandria. Prices improved on trade buying and some covering purchases.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Price movements were rather irregular with quiet feeling. Coppers were firm and Home Industrials mainly steady. Kaffirs seemed quiet with favourable undertone.

BULLION

London gold price was steady with a meagre rise of 1/2d. Silver lost 1/8d. on speculative selling.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1939

New York, Dec 16

Previous closing	8.23
To-day's opening	8.23
Difference	nil
To-day's closing	8.17
Difference	—06

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1939

Liverpool, Dec 16

Previous closing	4.73
To-day's opening	4.72
Difference	—01
To-day's closing	4.74
Difference	+01

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May 1938	Rs. 157-0
July August	Rs. 157-12

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec 16

The New York cotton displayed brighter sentiment following the official report indicating no change in rupee, while the news, that short selling would be restricted in Alexandria, also created favourable sentiment.

The trading in March began at 8.23 i.e. unchanged from the previous closing. Prices advanced on scattered trade buying and some covering purchases induced by better overseas cables with the price later improving to 8.25 on increased enquiry.

BOMBAY COTTON

Late Trading

Bombay, Dec 16

There was very little change in the local cotton market to-night. Broach A/M after opening at Rs. 158/8 declined to Rs. 158/4 and then closed finally at Rs 158/8.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec 16

The following were the opening ranges:—

January (8.32/8.32) 8.25/8.25
March (8.28/8.27) 8.23/8.23
May (8.07/8.07) 8.04/8.04

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Dec 16

American January (4.75) 4.79
American March (4.73) 4.77
Egyptian January (7.24) 7.28
Egyptian March (7.19) 7.23

LONDON COMMODITIES

TEAS

London,, Dec 16

There were no Tea sales to-day.

JUTE

First Marks C. I. F. Continent New Crop December January (£19 1/8 paid and value) £19 3/8 sellers

Dundee December (£22 sellers) £22 sellers.

Lightning December (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers

RUBBER

Spot (8 1/16 paid and buyers) 8 paid and buyers

Forward February (8 1/8 paid and sellers) 8 1/16 paid and value

SEEDS

Castorseed Bombay December January (£11 sellers) £11 sellers

Linseed La Plata December (£12 9/16 sellers) £12 5/8 sellers

Linseed La Plata December (£11 sellers) £11 sellers

Groundnuts Coromandal January (£10 1/4 paid) £10 3/16 sellers

METALS

Tin (£215 1/4 buyers £215 1/2 sellers. Very steady) £214 1/8 buyers £214 1/2 sellers. Easier.

Lead (£15 1/8 buyers £15 3/16 sellers) £15 buyers £15 1/16 sellers. Barely steady

Electrolytic Copper (£49 to £50) £49 to £50

Iron (112) 112

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Closing Quotations

Liverpool Dec 16

The closing quotation for December is 56 1/4d. The previous close was 56 1/8d.

EXCHANGES

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Dec 16

Previous closing	4.67 3/4
To-day's opening	4.67 3/16
At the time of New York cotton closing	4 66 11/16

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Dec 16

Previous closing	4.67.81
To-day's opening	4.67.62
To-day's closing	4.66.87

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London, Dec 16

Previous closing	177.62
To-day's opening	177.59
To-day's closing	177.60

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Dec 16

London Exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.67.62 and then eased to 4.67.59 subsequently declining further to 4.67.28 on lack of interest.

Franc opened at 177.59 and continued to rule steady with not much variation.

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 29/32) 1-5 29/32
Paris on Bombay (13.257) 13.252
New York on Bombay (34.89) 34.95
Berlin on Bombay (86 7/8) 86 7/8
London on Milan (88.87) 88.85
London on Shanghai (0-8 1/8 nominal) 0-8 1/8 nominal
London on Kobe (1-2) 1-2

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Gold (£7-8-8) £7-8-8 1/2
Silver (20 1/16d.) 19 15/16d.

DISCOUNTS

3 months (15/16 to 1 per cent) 15/16 to 1 per cent.
4 months (15/16 to 15/16 per cent) 15/16 to 15/16 per cent
6 months (15/16 to 15/16 per cent) 15/16 to 15/16 per cent

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay, Dec 16

The following cable regarding silver market was received in Bombay to-night:—

"Speculators sold. Market steady at the decline."

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec 16

Spot	(20 1/16) 19 15/16—1/8
Forward	(19 7/16) 19 5/16—1/8

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec 16

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-8-8) £7-8-8 1/2

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay, Dec 16

SILVER

Silver ready	50 15 0
Silver Posh	50 14 0
Silver Mah	50 13 0

GOLD

Gold ready	37 5 0
Gold Posh	37 5 3
Gold Mah	37 5 6
Sovereign	23 13 0

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, Dec 16

Wheat January	4 6 3
Wheat May	3 7 0
Linseed May	5 3 0

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Dec 16

Liverpool wheat opened steady with March at 54 1/8d. The market showed lower tendency following scattered outside selling with nothing in the day's news to stimulate enquiry.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Dec 16

Chicago wheat opened steady with December at 0.64. The market was fairly active on scattered local buying but the business was small with the rate ruling at 0.64 1/8.

3½% GOVT. PAPER

Closing Quotations

Bombay, Dec 16

3 1/2 per cent. Government Paper closed at Rs. 98/2 at 5 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS

London, Dec 16

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed at £89 1/2

Closing quotations on the previous days were:—

Wednesday, December 7 £90
Thursday, December 8, £89 3/4
Friday, December 9, £89 1/2
Monday, December 12, £89 3/8
Tuesday, December 13, £89 3/4
Wednesday, December 14, £89 3/4
Thursday, December 15, £89 3/8

INDIAN LOANS

London, Dec 16
3-30 p.m.

3 per cent Indian (£99 1/4) £98 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£89 1/2) £89 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£111 1/2) £111 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£115 1/4) £115 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948-53 (£106) £106
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£107 1/2) £107 1/2
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1945/59 (£101 1/4) £101 1/2

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent Australian Loan 1945/58 (£102 1/8) £102 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£70 1/4) £70
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 1/4) £98 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£102 5/8) £102 5/8
5 per cent Funding Loan (£107 7/8) £107 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£96 1/2) £98
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£107 1/8) £106 7/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec 16

The London Stock Exchange continued quiet with business restricted.

Giltedged securities attracted little interest. Three and half per cent was quoted at £89 1/2 i.e. 2 1/2 shillings lower.

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (16-7 1/2) 16-7 1/2
Motors and Spencer Ordinary (55-7 1/2) 55-7 1/2
Hydro Electric (dol 4 1/4) dol 4 1/4
Elec Music Industry (11-0) 11-0
Princhin Johnson (23-7 1/2) 23-0
Imperial Chemical (30-6) 30-1 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary (58) 58
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1930 (£19) £19
Dunlop Rubber (23-4 1/2) 23
Unilever Ordinary (36-3) 36-3
Ford Motors (17) 16-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£36 1/2) £36 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (98-4 1/2) 98-9
Carreas A (£8 3/8) £8 3/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (130) 129-4 1/2
P. and O. S. N. Company Deferred (21-7 1/2) 21-7 1/2
Distillers (89-6) 90-3
Bredford Dyes (3-1 1/2) 3-1 1/2
British Celanese (3-6) 3-10 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (35-1 1/2) 35-1 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary (28-4 1/2) 28-4 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (2-3) 2-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (22-6) 21-10 1/2
Inter Nickels (dol 58 3/8) dol 57 3/4
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (45-0) 43-9

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (16-6) 16-6
Donaro Tea (36-10 1/2) 36-10 1/2
Empire of India (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£9) £9

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (25-6) 25-6
Gula Kelampong (20-7 1/2) 20-7 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (27-7 1/2) 27-4 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (39-4 1/2) 40
Burma Corporation (8-9) 8-9
Rio Tintos (£14 1/4) £14 1/8
East Rand Proprietors (53-9) 53-9
Rand Mines (£8 3/8) £8 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£16 1/8) £16 1/4
Associated Portland Cement (68-1 1/2) 67-6
Trinidad Leaseholds (89-4 1/2) 92-6
Sub Nigel (£11 7/8) £11 7/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (31-3) 31-3
Union Corporation (£8 1/8) £8 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (21-3) 21-3
Anglo Iranian (89-4 1/2) 88-9
Burma Oil (83-9) 83-1 1/2
Mexican Eagle (5-3) 5-3
Shell Transport (81-10 1/2) 81-3
Royal Dutch (£37) £36 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£28) £28 1/4
London Midland and Ordinary (£12 3/4) £13 1/8
London North Eastern Def. (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
Southern Def (£12 3/4) £12 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent (£118 1/2) £118 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£75) £75

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Dec 16

General Motors (dol 50 1/2) dol 50 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 35 1/8) dol 35
U S Common New Stock (dol 66 7/8) dol 66
U S Steel Preference (dol 116 3/8) unquoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Firm Undertone

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Dec. 16.

On Stock Exchange end of account influences continued to restrict business. Small declines were registered in most groups owing to lack of support but the undertone remains firm. Home and Foreign rails were well maintained while Giltedged securities closed above lowest.

Wall Street opened steady.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes Steady After Decline

CALCUTTA, Dec. 16.

Jutes ruled steady at their decline and only moderate business was put through. Easier feeling was still hovering over coals section.

Teas were rather dull and lifeless market.

Coming miscellaneous, apart from usual dealings in its speculative issues there is practcally nothing interesting in this section.

Government Securities were quiet but steady.

The following were closing quotations:—

Government Securities three per cent. New Loan (1963/65); 96 three per cent. Loan (1941) 102/13; three and half per cent. Paper 98/4.

Banks: Allahabad pref. 148/8 ct; Reserve Bank 115/8.

Cottons: Bowreah ord 220; Auction Elgin Mills ord. 108; c div.

Coals: Bengal 341; Burrakur. pref. 137; Equitable 34/12 small lot; Churulia 1/6 small lot; New Beerbhoom 17/5; New Manbhoom 32 small lot; Searsole 4/4; West Jamuria 32/9.

Jutes: Auckland 151; Barnagore 124/8; Hooghly pref. 16 small lot; Howrah 49/12; Kamarhatty 458; Nuddea 37/2; Presidency 3/2; Reliance pref. 157.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 5/14; Consolidated Tin 6/8; Indian Copper 2/2; Rhodesia Copper 1/6 small lot; Bengal Telephone ord. 18/2; Mouuamo Zafferpore Electric 12/5; Patna Electric 15/14; Burn and Co., Ltd., ord. 267 small lot; Indian Iron and Steel 29/12; Steel Corporation ord. 9/8 pref. 94 ex-div. Balmer Lawrie 260 small lot; Birds Investment pref. 100 small lot; Britannia Biscuits 8/2; B. I. Corporation ord. 3/2; Calcutta Safe Deposit 7; Dunlop Rubber 2nd pref. 102; ordy. 16 small lot; 1st pref. 134; Indian National Airways prefd. ordy. 10/8 ex-div. National Safe Deposit 1/1; Rohtas Industries ord. 25/10; Spences Hotel 3/4; Tide Water Oil 13; Mysore Paper 10/12; Orient Paper 7/1; Titaghur Paper A ordy 14/10; Calcutta Hydraulic 119 small lot; Kempas Rubber dol. 1.70; Auction Bengal Assam Steamship ord. 248/8 small lot; Buland 13/4; ex-div. Carew and Co., pref. 112 ct.

Debentures: Five and quarter per cent. (1938/59); Rohtas Industries 101/8 ct; Five and half per cent (1915/30/40); Dalhousie Property 99/8.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI, Dec. 16.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Sind cotton January	15	8	6
March	15	9	6
Punjab January	13	3	..3
Desi American January	18	8	6
March	18	8	6
Tone quiet:—			
Wheat December	22	14	6
January	22	14	3
March	23	1	6
July	24	5	9
Tone steady:—			
Gram December	29	8	6
January	28	14	6
July	25	6	6
Toria December	35	4	8
February	34	10	0
March cotton seed January	19	9	9
March	19	9	3

"AMCO" LTD. GENERAL MEETING

The second ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of "Amco" Ltd., was held on Friday at the office of Messrs. Batliwala and Karani, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, Mr. K. R. P. Shroff presiding.

The Second Annual Report of the Company for the year ended 30th June 1938, together with the Audited Statesments of Accounts and the Certificate of your Auditors, stated:—

The net profit for the year amounts to Rs. 19,698-10-8 from which must be deducted the loss of the preceding year amounting to Rs. 6,500-0-2 leaving a balance of Rs. 13,198-10-6. From this sum the Directors have made the following appropriations:— To writing off Preliminary expenses Rs. 1,761-10-0, To writing off Under-writing Commission Rs. 1,400-0-0 To writing off Deferred Revenue Expenditure Rs. 6,088-8-3. To depreciation on plant and machinery Rs 2,076-3-7 To depreciation on Motor Car Rs. 500-0-0, leaving a balance of Rs. Rs. 1,372-4-8, which the Directors recommend to be carried forward.

The report was adopted and retiring Directors were re-elected.

THE WILSONIAN ASSOCIATION

The annual dinner of the Wilsonian Association will be held at the College Compound to-day (Saturday) at 8-15 p. m. when Mr. and Mrs. V. N. Chandavarkar will be the guests of the function. The business of the meeting will commence at 7-45 p.m.

HARNAI HITWARDHAK MANDAL

Under the auspices of the Harnai Hitwardhak Mandal, Bombay, a general meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. at the Bombay Uniform Clothing Co., House No. 15 Bor[illegible]

ACCOUNTANCY BOARD

Davar Exposes Monopoly Behind Scheme

Presiding at the quarterly meeting at the Shareholders' Association on Friday evening, Prof. Sohrab R. Davar made reference regarding appointments to the Indian Accountancy Board and said:—

Most objectionable feature of the scheme which seeks to perpetuate an old undesirable practice, is that of segregating qualified accountants into two water-tight compartments, called (1) "approved" and (2) "unapproved." This division is made on the footing of the quality of audit work which these accountants happen to command, with a view to decide who should be allowed the privilege of keeping articled clerks and who should not. This most objectionable method of segregating accountants into two water-tight divisions is peculiar to this country and has been invented, evidently with the desire of providing a monopoly for senior accountants at the expense of the junior. I have said that this invention is peculiar to this country, because no such division prevails among accountants in the United Kingdom or for the matter of that in any other profession. In England as soon as a person secures the diploma of Chartered or Incorporated Accountant, he is placed immediately on equal footing with all other accountants similarly qualified with the result that they can take up articled clerks immediately on securing their diplomas.

WARNING TO TEXTILE COMMITTEE.

Referring to the problem of restriction of dividends, he said:

In the questionnaire issued by the Textile Labour Inquiry Committee which is at present in Session, a question is asked which evidently aims at the possibility of providing for a maximum dividend to be paid to shareholders in connection with the textile industry. I take this opportunity to warn the Committee as well as the Provincial Governments that any hasty action in this direction of restriction of dividends will seriously react on the development of industries in this country.

NEW COMPANY TO HANDLE DYES & CHEMICALS

To specialise in the trade of all kinds of chemical products and dyes, a company will start operations on January under the style of Chemdyes Limited with a registered head office in Bombay, and branches in all principal places of India. The Company has been registered under the Indian Companies Act with a capital of Rs. 2,00,00,000 of which Rs. 80,00,000 will be subscribed and paid-up. The Chemdyes Limited having been constituted as a private limited company, for an initial period no shares will be offered to the public at large.

Chemdyes Limited will handle all the chemicals and dyes business, which in the past has been carried on by Havero Trading Company Limited. The services of most of Havero's experienced staff have been secured by Chemdyes Limited.

WESTERN INDIA OIL DISTRIBUTING CO.

The Western India Oil Distributing Company, Ltd., which has been carrying on petrol, diesel oil and Lubricating oil business for over last six years, has been this time successful in getting Bombay Port Trust tender for the supply of their entire requirements of petrol during the year 1939. This is the first Indian company trading in bulk oil imported from Russia.

The Company has bulk ocean storage installations at Bombay and Madras for petrol and diesel oil and at Calcutta for diesel oil only. The company, is putting up bulk storage at Karachi and has several inland minor installations for taking bulk supplies from main port installations. The company is gradually expanding its activities in oil trade in India.

CASE AGAINST HALAI

The further hearing of the case against Mr. Halai came up for further hearing on Friday afternoon before Mr. W. K. Mankar, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court.

It will be remembered that Mr. W. T. Halai, Special Director of the Indian Cotton Exchange, and seven others stand charged by the Bombay Police, under the Prevention of Gambling Act.

Mr. Joachim Alva appeared for Mr. Halai, while the rest of the accused were represented by Messrs. Balubhai T. Desai, C. D. Vyas, Chatrapati and Ajmeri.

Further examination of Mr. Framroz D. Nanavati was continued. The case stands adjourned for [illegible]

I MEET MR. WELLS

(Continued from page 6).

This clarifies his explanation of the reason for the existence of men. It seems to say that we are episodes in an experience larger than ourselves. That is the basis on which his socialism is founded. Better that we should call it what it really is—Wellsianism!

H. G. is also a scientist. His knowledge of science for a novelist is profound. One often wonders whether he is a scientific romanticist or a romantic scientist. Yet he is so very real. He believes in fundamental things like cautious birth-control and Eugenics. These are some of the only restrictions he wants man to impose on himself. His Utopia needs no other laws, for Utopians are necessarily law-abiding. And where there are no law-breakers, there is no need for laws.. The only lawss that must be obeyed—or perhaps we should be conscious of—are the laws of science. This is the fund of knowledge to which Wells would like to add day by day, year by year, generation by generation.

He is known also as a historian. In his famous "Outline of History" he has managed to give us that basic essential after years of careful study and of hard, patient sifting of the mass of material at his disposal. It is this sifting which is the making of the historian and in the history of a whole world, it is the hallmark of first-class historian. It is only his gift of vision that makes him see ahead when he in point of historical time he has not even approached the present. So that at whatever stage you read his record of fact, it is tainted with a vision of the future which haunts him like a ghost all through his chequered life.

There are some who regard this looking-ahead as a greater contribution than his recording of fact. Someone among these has put that point of view brilliantly when he said: "Out of earnestness he gave us sometimes the truth; out of ignorance often less than the truth; out of inventiveness often more than the truth."

One is inclined to respect him because he is not a flashy image-breaker, but a constructive artist who wants to build and build—even if it is to build worlds that are yet to come. His "Shape of Things to come" is not merely a prophecy. It is his hope and prayer for the future. It is his contribution to what should be the evolution of the world. It shows by imagery the dangers which surround us, and which face us so closely that we cannot see them in their true perspective. They may often appear to be mere phantasies, but it is something even to have attempted to visualise the future.

That is the man who stepped for a few hours on the shores of India and I might say that he graced our country with his presence. I had neither the time nor the inclination to ask him what he thought of non-violence or Mahatma Gandhi or the climate of India. I was content to listen to him talk on the things that were uppermost in his mind—the things he felt like saying. That is my conception of the sort of tribute one should pay to a man of his greatness, his vision, his profundity, his knowledge. I wanted to have the opportunity to see him in flesh and blood and to hear him talk and to watch his gestures and study his train of thought. When I next pick up a book by H. G. Wells, the image that will always remain in my mind's eye, will come up before me and speak to me through the pages of his book. That is the image that I have tried to convey.

LANGUAGE PROBLEM IN INDIA

Under the joint auspices of the Youths' Parliament and the Muslim Students' Union, a discussion meeting led by Mr. R. S. Lopez, will be held on "Language Problem in India" at the Youth Lodge, T. S., Blavatsky Lodge at 6-15 p.m. to-day (Saturday). On Sunday (to-morrow) at 4 p.m., at the same place, Dr. Brahmachari will give a public lecture on the subject: "Mental Health of the Child."

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

An exhibition of the handicrafts articles made by the students from all the Industrial Schools of 'Mahila Seva Mandal' of the Social Service League, Bombay, will be held from to-day (Saturday) to Monday, December 19 at "Sunderabai Audyogic Graha", Gokhale Road, North, Dadar.

Exhibition will be open for visitors from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily and is free.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

A prize distribution ceremony of the Walkeshwar Group of Schools will be held to-day (Saturday) at 3-21 p.m. (S. T.) in the hall of Gilder Tank Building, Grant Road, under the presidentship of Rao Saheb Maganlal Dalpatram Khakhar, J.P. when prizes will be distributed to the pupils of the Walkeshwar Group of Schools out of the interest on the Trust Fund given by Sheth Dwarkadas Tribhuwandas, J.P.

PARENTS' DAY GATHERING

The Parents' Day gathering of the Imperial High School, will be held to-day (Saturday) in the School Hall at 4 p.m. (S.T.), when Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, Principal, S. L. D. Arts College, Ahme[illegible]

Edgar Wallace Thriller

"TERROR" AT CAPITOL

The name of Edgar Wallace stands alone as a writer of detective fiction. Old and young in town or country know that Wallace is indisputably master of the art of telling crime and mystery stories, known generally as "thrillers." In "The Terror" which is shown this week at the Capitol Cinema we have one of his best yarns, beginning with a bullion robbery on a road to London, entailing the use of a stupefying gas, and moving to a luxurious guest house in the country, where mysterious events are the more macabre in beautiful surroundings. As in all other Wallace stories, the police side has the stamp of authenticity, detectives are convincing and efficient, and not the stupid oafs that some authors delight to depict so untruthfully. Bernard Lec is one very interesting detective somewhat new to films, like the heroine, Linden Travers. Here is a film that does justice to a great story teller and even if you do not read thrillers, you will be glad you went to see this one. The thrills are exciting without being merely horrifying, and the interest builds up right to the last few moments though, of course, there are those who believe no film will ever be as thrilling as Edgar Wallace in his own words!

BOBBY BREEN FILM REVIVED AT BROADWAY

"RAINBOW ON THE RIVER," singing film starring young Bobby Breen, Principal Production's drama of the Southland released by RKO Radio will be revived from to-day for four days only at THE BROADWAY, Dadar.

Produce on a more elaborate scale than Bobby Breen's initial vehicle, "Let's Sing Again," the picture offers the young star far more opportunities to exhibit his brilliant voice.

"SIXTY GLORIOUS YEARS"

To Be Continued For Another Week At Eros

"Sixty Glorious Years", the film of Queen Victoria's life, will be continued at Eros Theatre another week. The chief features of the film are its glorious technicolour and the competent acting of the stars, Anna Neagle and Anton Wallbrook, who valiantly strive to put life into the story of a Queen which had otherwise not much dramatic interest.

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVED

Bombay, Dec 16

L Triestino ss Monte Piana of 3715 reg tons, Captain C Martinali arrived from Trieste via Italian Coast Ports, Port Said, Suez, Port Sudan, Massowa and Aden with general cargo.

Scindia Steam Nvg ss Jalajyoti of 2698 reg tons, Captain J G Connor arrived from Calcutta with cargo of coal.

P and O S N ss Comorin of 8744 reg tons, Captain W L Pope arrived from London via Tangier, Gibraltar, Marseilles, Port Said and Aden with passengers and general cargo.

N Y Kaisha ss Nagato Maru of 4325 reg tons, Captain Nota arrived from Yokohama via Japan, Ports Hongkong, Singapore and Colombo with general cargo.

Grahams Trading ss Westralia of 2744 reg tons, Captain H Barfold arrived from Fremantle, with cargo of wheat.

B I S N ss Bankura of 1896 reg tons Captain R R Marsh arrived from Basra via Persian Gulf Ports, Karachi and Kathiawar Coast Ports with passengers and general cargo.

P and O S N ss Strathmore of 13993 reg tons, Captain E E French arrived from Brisbane via Australian Ports and Colombo with passengers and general cargo.

SAILED

J Mackintosh ss Baron Vernon of 2208 reg tons, Captain G R Logan sailed for Hull with local cargo.

P and O S N ss Comorin of 8744 reg tons Captain W L Pope sailed for Sydney via Colombo and Australian Ports with passengers local and same bottom cargo.

B I S N ss Vasna of 2026 reg tons, Captain T J Murphy sailed for Basra via Karachi and Persian Gulf Ports with passengers and local cargo.

P and O S N ss Lahore of 3161 reg tons, Captain G S Stobbe sailed for Kobe via Singapore and China, Japan Ports with local and same bottom cargo

LOADING

The following vessels booked for loading on 16-12-38.

S S Vito (Vol Bros) for American Ports via Karachi and Port Said.

S S City of Johannesburg (K N) for Bedi Bunder, via Port Said, Liverpool and Manchester.

S S City of Hereford (F F) for Colombo, Madras, Calcutta and American Ports.

S S Uhenfels (L E) for Aden Port Said, Europe and American Ports.

S S Nagato Maru (N Y K) for Karachi, Singapore and China, Japan Ports.

S S Garachia (A D) for Port Said [illegible]

Foreign Buying On N. Y. Cotton Market

HEDGE SELLING AND LONG LIQUIDATION

Market Awaiting Farm Legislation

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

Foreign buying contributed to the steady tone of the New York Cotton Market, traders in the market generally were awaiting developments after the recent feverish fluctuations and more definite indications of possible new legislation.

The market opened very steady but was inactive. Prices advanced on higher Liverpool cables, trade buying, scarcity of contracts and the firmness of the stock market but later reacted partially on long liquidation. Hedge selling was light and the market continues to feel the supporting influence of Government loan which offset slow demand for Spot cotton and textiles.

At the opening March opened at a rise of 8 points which was the highest level for the day. Later on there was increased selling and prices declined to 8.22 which was the lowest level. The market closed unchanged to 5 points up. Spot cotton prices advanced 3 points up at 8.68c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET.

The New Orleans cotton futures market was steady and closed at a rise of 3 to 4 points. Spot cotton prices closed 4 points at 8.47c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

The Liverpool market opened at a rise of one point at 4.72 for March. There was Bombay straddle buying, short covering by local overnight shorts which absorbed light hedging by outsiders. Business mainly was of a local character, trade and speculative interest both being meagre. The market closed at a rise of 2 to 3 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices advanced 10 points at 5.12d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Egyptian cotton market quietly steady. Giza futures were unchanged and Uppers closed 1 to 2 points up. The Alexandria market was steady. Sakels futures closed 11 to 3 points up and Ashmouni futures gained 14 to 11 points.

Messrs. F. Chrystal and Co. state:—

Trading in the Cotton futures markets has been largely of a cleaning up nature, reversing of the short Liverpool and long New York position. There has also been some liquidation by disappointed straddlers between Bombay and the American market. Trade demand for American cotton has again been at a very low level. The poor export offtake for American cotton is being reflected in the export figures which are now running at over one million bales less as compared with last season. Internal consumption figures in America make a somewhat better showing, being about the same as a year ago but recent cables indicate a falling off in business, which however is unlikely to be as severe as was the case in the spring of last year. The unsettled conditions of the political world generally combined with the uncertainty about the American cotton policy in future years continue to hamper the activities of both merchants and manufacturers in practically every country. It now appears unlikely that the consumption of American during the present season will equal the eleven million bales consumed last year as against a production of about twelve million bales. It is now estimated that four million bales of this crop has been put into the Loan. So long as distant months in the American markets are quoted at a discount further cotton is likely to be pledged as there is no inducement for consumers to buy other than immediate requirements. The best suggestion we can make is to make moderate purchases of those months of this crop in New York which are under the Loan level, as it is probable that before the season ends some cotton will have to be withdrawn from the Loan and this can be done only if prices are higher than those ruling, at the present time.

NARROW MARKET.

The Bombay market has continued to move within a very narrow range. Very little fresh business has been reported either on account of exporters or Mill-owners. The less favourable parity does not help the former and the latter are finding practically no fresh demand for cloth or yarn. Prices in Bombay have been sustained by purchases made on account of straddle reversers and also by reports that our crop is going to be even smaller than was previously expected. The damage reports have probably been exaggerated but they cannot be altogether unfounded as arrivals in the interior markets so far this season have been most disappointing particularly in the Berars and Central Provinces, about the size of whose crops there is most controversy. Some estimates now place our crop at one million bales under last year but we doubt if our crop will be quite as small as this.

There has been little change in the basis of Indian staple varieties. Our better varieties are going to be definitely smaller than last year but few Indian consumers so far have shown any anxiety to secure supplies. Many mills are not so actively employed as a year ago and in addition still hold stocks from last season. On the other hand there has been a good export offtake of the better qualities from Sind. Such cotton is now nearly exhausted and we have been receiving alarming reports about a crop failure in the Cambodia area. This should mean a large demand for Punjab 289F some time during the season.

Reports from the Broach districts continue satisfactory and a good crop is expected. There should be a good demand for this cotton this season as the average count being spun by Indian Mills is lower and very little cotton of good grade has been grown in the Central Provinces.

PRIVATE CABLES

N. Y. March Highest (10-0 a.m.)	8.28
N. Y. March Lowest (1-02 p.m.)	8.22
Liverpool March Highest	4.75
Liverpool March Lowest	4.72

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following cables from their New York friends:—

1 "Market dull. Better demand for dry goods. Little pressure to sell."

2 "Last trading day for current month is to-morrow. Light hedge sales. Market seems to be supported by influence of Government loan."

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co., Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

New York.—Price fixing nears with Liverpool and Continent buying. South sold.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 15.

January	8.24
March	8.23+03
May	8.04+05
July	7.74+04
October	7.44+05
Middling spot	8.68+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Dec. 15.

December	8.52+02
January	8.39+03
March	8.37+04
Middling spot	8.47+04

NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 15.

11 a.m. ranges.

January	8.23/8.23
March	8.24/8.24
May	8.04/8.04
Noon Call	
March	8.25
May	8.04

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Dec. 15.

	Bales.
Day's receipts at all U.S. Ports	8,000
Day's exports to Great Britain	4,000
Day's exports to the Continent	7,000
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.

December	4.77+03
January	4.75+03
February	4.74+03
March	4.73+02
April	4.71+03
May	4.69+03
June	4.64+03
July	4.59+02
August	4.54+02
September	4.50+03
October	4.46+03
November	4.47+03
Decembe.	4.48+03
Middling spot	5.12+10

10-12 a.m. quotations.

January	4.76
March	4.75

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 15.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£72 1/2
Indian Stock 3 per cent 1948	£75 3/4
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£89 5/8
Indian Stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£111 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£70 1/4
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£98 3/8
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	£98 1/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£107 7/8
Victory Bonds	£107 1/8
Chartered Bank of I.A. and China	£9 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	£78 1/2
National Bank of India	£33 3/4
P and O Banking Corporation nominal	£10

LONDON SEEDS

London, Dec. 15.

Linseed La Plata Hull c.i.f. ton Dec. sellers	11/0/0
Linseed Calcutta London c.i.f. ton Dec. sellers	12/11/3
Linseed Bombay London c.i.f. ton Dec. sellers	12/13/0
Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont c.i.f. ton Dec/Jan. sellers	11/10/0
Castorseed Bombay Hull c.i.f. ton Dec/Jan. sellers	11/0/0

LONDON EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 15.

T. T. London on:—	
New York	4.67.81
Paris	177.62
Berlin	11.66
Madrid	100.00
Montreal	4.72 7/16
Amsterdam	8.60 3/4
Brussels	27.77 7/16
Milan	28.85
Berne	20.63 1/2

LONDON PRODUCE

London, Dec. 15.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe parcels Jan/Feb. sellers	22
Wheat Barletta Russo parcels	unquoted
Wheat South Australian parcels afloat sellers	23/3

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec. 15.

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb. sellers	8 1/16

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, Dec. 15.

Fair Rio Coffee No. 7 quality	unchanged

LONDON SPELTER

London, Dec. 15.

Spelter hard (Indian brand) F.O.B.	12 to 14 1/2

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Following a rise of 3 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened to-day at Rs. 158 for Broach A/M. delivery and improved to Rs. 158/6 on scattered buying. Later on there was some realising and prices were steady at Rs. 158/4. The market was quietly steady at this level with a restricted turnover

Liverpool market opened at a rise of one point as expected and in the local market Broach was quoted at Rs. 158/4. Later on Liverpool was unchanged but prices in the local market declined to Rs. 157/12. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F. G. M. G.—			
Broach April/May	Rs.	157	14 0
Broach J/A.		158	10 0
Oomra D/J.		147	4 0
Oomra March		145	0 0
F. G. M. G.—			
Bengal D/J.		121	12 0
Bengal March		121	8 0

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Dec. 16.

	Extra Spr-fine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M. G.—					
Bengal U.P.	... 130	127	124	121	
Punjab	... 130	127	124	121	
Rajputana	... 130	127	124	121	
Oomra No. 3	158	155	152	149	...
C. P. No. 1	172	169	166	163	...
C. P. No. 2	164	161	158	155	...

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Bengal Superfine 132/34
Bengal Fine 129/30 Dec +5; Jan.+4
Bengal F.G. 126/27
C. P. 1 165/66 Dec. +19; Jan. +16
C. P. 2 156/57 Dec. +10; Jan. +9
Arvi 157/58
Amraoti 151/52
Ellichpur 156/57
Berar 151/52 Dec +4 1/2; Jan. +3 1/2
Malkapur 149/50
Khandesh 140/45
Jalna/Sailu 145/46
Burwah/Sanavad 152/54
Khandwa 152/54
Mathia F.G. 133/34 Dec —12; Jan.—15
Broach March +3 1/2
Punjab 4 F. 180/85 Dec. +26
Puniab 289F. 213/18 Dec. +59
Sindh N.T. 198/205

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Dec 16

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Since 1st Sept Last year.
Khandesh	417	10,386	923
Central India	1,115	48,673	306
Barsi and Nagar	231	10,533	5,584
Hyderabad Gaorani	5	559	1,281
Berar	403	36,296	17,440
Central Provinces		14,015	3,000
Total Oomras	2,211	121,462	28,534
Dholera	359	52,195	2,926
N W Provinces		487	1,352
Rajputana	439	8,800	95
Sind Punjab	3,731	80,689	105,636
Broach		11,651	1,406
Cambaita & Dhanwan	60	11,683	7,250
Western & Northern	469	10,205	806
Cocanada		1	12
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		2,019	811
American		512	7,055
Egyptian African and Sudan	1,013	108,883	109,208
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		6	370
Total	8,282	408,593	265,461

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept to 8th Dec

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe	148	57,363	47,435
Japan and China	488	304,504	64,700
Coast Ports	50	10,593	22,028
Up-country by Rail		84,892	99,420
Afloat in harbour for Europe China and Japan		12,971	2,425
Total	686	470,323	236,008

American Cotton Figures

F.P. Bales	1938-39	1937-38
Receipts to date 15-12-38	2868000	5410000
Receipts Yesterday 15-12-38	8000	16000
Exports to date 15-12-38	1835000	3023000
Stock at Ports 9-12-38	3084000	3239000
Stock at Interior Towns	3492000	2608000
Stock at Liverpool 9-12-38	1091000	959000
Visible Supply 9-12-38	7987000	754000
Quantity in sight 9-12-38	6804000	9492000
Quantity out of sight 9-12-38	4488000	4829000
Quantity out of sight 9-12-38	4488000	4829000

Produce Receipts

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Wheat	5.626 cwts.
Linseed	77 cwts.
Gingellyseed	1,010 cwts.
Poppyseed	12 cwts.
Groundnuts	29,199 cwts.
Castorseed	175 cwts.
Rice	24,287 cwts.
Myrabollams	2,656 cwts.
Cottonseed	6,400 cwts.
Gram	627 cwts.
Joowar	1,119 cwts.
Maize	44 cwts.
Barley	325 cwts.
Bajree	2,338 cwts.
Indian Sugar	4(175 cwts.

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES

New York—Liverpool:—
Jan. 99 March 98 May 107 July 117 Oct. 121 at Cross Rate 4.67 3/4.
Bombay—Liverpool:—
Broach A/M. 1939 158/8—Liverpool May 1939 4.68 Rs. 45 3/4 at Exchange 1/6
Bombay—Liverpool:—
Broach J/A 1939 159/8—Liverpool July 1939 4.58 Rs. 40 at Exchange 1/6.
Bombay—New York:—
Broach A/M. 1939 158/8—New York May 8.04 Rs. 33 at Cross Rate 4.67 3/4
Bombay—New York:—
Broach J/A. 1939 159/8—New York July 7.74 Rs. 24 1/2 at Cross Rate 4.67 3/4.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Yesterday London gold prices declined 4 points at £7-8-8. London Paris Exchange rate was 13 points down at 177.62 Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.6/ 3/4. London silver prices declined 1/16d. to 20 1/16d for spot and forward declined 1/8. to 19 7/16. Speculators bought and sold. Business was small. Later on there were small buyers but sellers asked 1/16 over fixed rates. New York silver was unchanged at 42 3/4 cents and Shanghai T. T. on London was quoted 6/8. London Bombay spot parity is Rs. 52-15-3 and forward is Rs. 51-7-3. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 23-13-0. The local market was quietly steady and fluctuations were narrow.

GOLD

Ready		37	5 0
Posh delivery		37	5 6
Posh Tejimandi		0	5
Maha delivery		37	6
Maha Tejimandi		0	7

SILVER

Ready		51	1
Posh delivery		51	0
Posh Tejimandi		0	14 0
Maha delivery		50	14 0
Maha Tejimandi		1	5 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 15.

Spot	20 1/16
Forward	19 7/16

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 15.

Gold bars fine per oz	£7-8-8

LONDON METALS

London, Dec. 15.

Copper	£44	1	3
Lead	£15	7	6
Spelter	£13	18	9
Tin	£216	15	0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 16.

GOVT. SECURITIES.

3 1/2 per cent Paper	98/2
4 per cent 1960-70	111/5
5 per cent 1945-55	116

BANKS

Bank of Baroda	115/4
Bank of Hindusthan	31/12
Bank of India	148/8
Central Bank	30
Imperial Bank F.P.	1571/4
Imperial Bank P.P.	383/12
Indian Overseas Bank	45/8
Reserve Bank	115/8
Union Bank	5/11/6

TEXTILES.

Ahmd. New Textiles	497/8
Ambica	237/8
Arun	223/12
Arvind	1260
Asok	216/4
Bharatkhand	2500
Bombay Dyeing	875
Buckingham and Carnatics	198
Calico	608/2
Central India	236/4
Century	241/14
Colaba	143/2
Delhi Cloth and Gen. Mills	415
Elgin	212/8
Gokak	153/12
Hukumchand	168/2
Indore	55
Jubilee	205
Khatau Makanji	117/8
Kohinoor	260/10
Laxmi Cotton	517/8
Madhusudan	200
Marsden	99/6
Morarji	135
Mysore	88/12
Nandlal Bhandari	77/4
New Great	220
Raipur	695
Rajnagar	205
Sajjan	97/8
Sassoon and Alliance	71
Sholapur	3225
Simplex	76/14
Swadeshi	219/6
Vishnu	1250

HYDRO ELECTRICS.

Andhra Valley Ord.	1407/8
Tata Hydro Ord.	155/10
Tata Power Ord.	1300

ELECTRICS.

Ahmedabad Electrics	140
Ajmer Electrics	12/8
Amalgamated	12/6
Bombay Suburban	148/12
Bombay Tram.	123/7
Surat Electrics	172/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown	338/2
Associated Cements	109/8
Belapur	185/10
Bombay Burma New	178/2
Bombay Burma Old	521/4
Bombay Steam	212/8
Bombay Telephone	82
Br. B. Petrol	3/9
Burma Corporation	5/15
Dalmia Cement	9/12
Indian Bleaching	123/2
Industrial Investment Tr.	41/6
Indian Radio Ord.	385/10
Indian Radio Defd.	390
Indian Copper	2/3
Indian Iron	29/12
Mysore Sugar	30
Port Canning	69/8
Premier Construction	55/12
Rohtas Industries	25/12
Scindia Steam	18
Shivrajpur	49/12
Tata Oil	46
Tata Steel Ordy.	316
Tata Steel Defd.	1515

JUTES.

Birla Jute	14/12
Howrah	49/2
Hukumchand	5/10
Kamarhatty	453
Kankanarrah	348
Lawrence	338
Reliance	57/8

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, Dec. 15.

SAKEL—	
January	12.62+10
March	12.91+11
May	13.11+ 3
ASHMOUNI—	
December	10.38+12
February	10.30+14
April	10.55+13
GIZA—	
January	12.77+15
March	12.96+19
May	13.06+19

New York Sugar

New York, Dec. 15.

March	1.92
May	1.96
July	1.99
September	2.02

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 16.

3 1/2 per cent G P Notes	98/8
2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan	99/8
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	101/8
3 per cent 1947 Bonds	102/12
3 per cent 1963/65	98/2
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50	105/2
4 per cent 1940/43 Bonds	108/6
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	111/5
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan	119/2
5 per cent U P Bonds	98
5 per cent 1939/44 Loan	101/12
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan	105/2

TAX FREES

5 per cent 1943/55 Loan	115/12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	111/8
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	124

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent 1974 B P T	110/4
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	109/5
4 per cent 1974 M Deb	119
4 per cent 1954 M Deb	130

Note:—Market quietly steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 16.

BANK RATES—
T T D D 1/5 27/32
LONDON—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 29/32 near
Bank's buying T T 1/5 15/16
Bank's buying D D 1/5 31/32
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/32 to March 1/6 April/Nov.
NEW YORK—
Bank's buying T T 285
Bank's buying T T 185
Bank's buying D D 284 1/4
PARIS—
Bank's selling T T 1,312
Bank's buying T T 1,340
JAPAN—
Bank's selling T T 78 5/8
Bank's buying T T 77 7/8
Bank's buying 60 days 77
AMSTERDAM—
Bank's selling D D 63 1/2
JAVA—
Bank's selling D D 63 3/8
HONGKONG—
Bank's selling D D 85 1/4
SHANGHAI—
Bank's selling D D 47 1/8
SINGAPORE—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/8
BERLIN—
Bank's selling D D 85 3/4
CROSS RATE—
New York/London 4.67.62 15th inst.
Japan/London 1/2 1/64 16th inst.
Hongkong/London 1/3 16th inst.
Shanghai/London 0/8 16th inst.
Java/London 8.58 1/2 16th inst.
London/Paris 177.62 15th inst.
London/Belgium 27.77 1/2 15th inst.
London/Switzerland 20.68 1/2 15th inst.
London/Berlin 11.66 15th inst.
London/Stockholm 19.42 3/8 15th inst.
London/New York 4.67.81 15th inst.
London/Amsterdam 8.60 5/8 15th inst.
London/Italy 88.85 15th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.
Gold £7-9-0 14th inst.
Gold £7-8-8 15th inst.
Silver London Ready 20 1/8 14th inst.
Silver London Ready 20 1/16 15th inst.
Silver London Forward 19 9/16 14th inst.
Silver London Forward 19 7/16 15th inst.
Silver New York Ready 43 14th inst.
Silver New York Ready 43 15th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 15/16 per cent to 1 per cent 14th inst.
London Discounts 3 months 15/16 per cent to 1 per cent 15th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 15/16 per cent 14th inst.
London Discounts 6 months 15/16 per cent 15th inst.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—
Call 1 per cent.
3 months 1 1/2 per cent.
6 months 1 1/2 per cent.
Tone:—Firm.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS

London, Dec. 15.

	£
Total bullions	327,500,000
Public deposits	15,600,000
(A) Other deposits	135,500,000
Government securities	68,400,000
(B) Other securities	38,500,000
Notes and coin	62,200,000
Notes in circulation	495,300,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	41.12 p.c.
(A) Other deposits include bankers	99,500,000
(B) Other securities include discount and advances	16,800,000
Total deposits	151,100,000
Total securities	106,900,000

Groundnuts And Seeds

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Castorseed May—			
Opening	29	14	6
Highest	29	14	6
Lowest	29	7	0
Closing	29	7	0
Groundnuts Feb—			
Opening	29	14	0
Highest	29	15	0
Lowest	29	1	0
Closing	29	2	0
Cottonseed Jan—			
Opening	21	13	0
Highest	21	15	0
Lowest	21	10	6
Closing	21	11	0
Cottonseed May—			
Opening	22	7	0
Highest	22	7	0
Lowest	22	0	0
Closing	22	1	0

Bombay Metals

Bombay, Dec. 16.

London copper cash (buyers)	£44/0/0
Standard copper cash 3 months	£44/5/0
Electrolytic	£50/0/0
Bombay Market—	
Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 40-0-0
Copper sheets	Rs. 48-8-0
Tone:—Firm.	

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Ready Javas Rs. 15-8-0.
Shipment Jan.-March Rs. 6-0-6.
Shipment July-Sept. Rs. 6-5-6.
Kesar Rs. 15-5-0.
Saraya Rs. 15-3-0.
Java Spot F 6.65.

LINSEED OIL

London, Dec. 15.

Linseed oil London per cwt naked Dec sellers	22/9
Linseed oil London per cwt naked Jan/Apr. sellers	22/7 1/2

Tata Steels Register Another Small Rise

UNDERTONE HEALTHY BUT NARROW TRADING

Approaching X'mas Holidays Check Speculation

BOMBAY: DEC. 16.

Yesterday the Wall-Street Market was firm at the start, but later on there was some realising and U. S. Steel shares declined dol. 2/8. while Anaconda Coppers improved dol. 3/8.

The local Market in view of approaching X'mas Holidays is without any fresh business and prices are fluctuating within a narrow range. However, the improved outlook of Steel Industry together with no prospects of any reduction in Steel prices, the general tendency will be always to buy on all declines.

The slow movement of prices in Steel shares is mainly due to absence of business and there is less disposition to increase long interest.

The rise in U. S. Steel shares indicates improvement of general trade in America and while there may be some pre Holidays liquidation, there seems nothing in the general situation to result into important decline except European political situation, which remains in an uncertain state.

Thus the cautious attitude of local Operators is keeping up a healthy state of the market and investors particularly have nothing to worry until Budget times, when we may expect some rapid changes.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1,505 and declined to Rs. 1,500 when some buying and short covering appeared and prices improved to Rs. 1,522-8. When the demand was satisfied gradual long liquidation depressed prices to Rs. 1,512-8 and closed at Rs. 1,517-8. Cotton Mill shares were quietly steady.

TEXTILE SHARES

BOMBAY, Dec. 16.

100	Ahmd. Advance	420	0
200	BOMBAY DYEING	877	8
100	CENTURY	242	8
100	CENTRAL INDIA	236	8
100	COLABA	143	8
100	Coorla	95	0
250	David	75	0
250	Dawn	321	4
1	E. D. Sassoon	0	4 6
100	Finlay	118	12
100	GOKAK	154	8
1,000	Hindustan	1,705	0
100	Indore	55	0
100	Khatau	117	8
100	KOHINOOR	261	0
150	Laxmi	517	8
250	Madras United	35	0
100	Morarji	135	0
250	Model	55	0
50	MYSORE	89	0
200	NEW GREAT	221	0
100	Oosmanshahi	40	0
100	PHOENIX	223	0
25	Sassoon Silk	71	0
1,000	Sholapur	3225	0
50	SIMPLEX	78	0
100	SWADESHI	220	0
100	Swan	111	4
500	Vishnu	1250	0
1,000	Westerna	860	0

BANKS.

50-100	Baroda	115	4
25-50	Central	30	0
500	Imperial	1571	4
125+500	Imp. Conty.	383	12
50-100	India	148	8
100	Reserve Bank	115	12
5	Unions	5	12

CEMENTS.

100	Associated	109	12

INSURANCE.

100-500	Empire	685	0
15-100	Jupiter	13	0
20	Mercantile	52	0
15-100	New India	37	4
200	Oriental	4300	0
10-50	Vulcan	7	2

ELECTRIC.

100	Ah. Old	140	0
1,000	ANDHRA VALLEY	1,412	8
10	Ajmer	11	14
10	Amalgmd.	12	0
50	Bombay Tram	123	8
100	Bombay Suburban	148	12
10	Broach	10	0
100	Karachi	186	4
100	Poona	170	10
100	Surat	172	8
100	TATA HYDRO	156	0
100	TATA POWERS	1305	0

RAILWAYS.

100	Ahmedabad Prantij	951	4
100	C. Province	101	8
100	Dn Baramati	103	4
100	Gujarat	99	8
	Mandra Bhon	101	12
100	Pachora Jamner	95	0
100	Sara Serajgaunj	101	0
500	Tapti Valley	755	0

MINING.

9	Burma Corp.	5	15
8sh.	Indian Copper	2	3 0
10	Indian Iron and Steel	29	12
10	Shivrajpur	50	0
70	TATA STEEL DEFDS	1,517	8
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	316	8

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	339	0
60	BELAPUR SUGAR	186	4
200-250	Bombay Safe Dep.	840	0
150	BOMBAY STEAM	213	0
125	B. BURMA	522	8
50	Bombay Conty	178	12
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol	3	9 0
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE	82	0
100	I. BLEACHING	124	8
50	Invest Trust	42	0
100	I. Radio Defd	390	0
100	I. Radio Ord.	380	0
100	Port Canning XD	69	8
40	Premier Con.	66	0
15	Scindia	18	0
25	Tata Oil Mill (nil)	46	4

PREFERENCE

5	1/2 Amalgmad (T. F.)	106	0
7	p. c Andhra Valley	1510	0
6	p.c Bombay Steam XD	283	12
5	p.c. Bombay Tram (TF)	73	0
5	p.c. Central India (T.F.)	567	8
6	1/2 p.c. Prem. Const 1st.	108	0
6-1	4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd	97	0
7	p.c. Tata Hydro	148	12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power	1603	12
6	p.c. Tata Steel 1st.	208	12
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd.	160	0
7	p.c Vishnu	717	8

DEBENTURES.

3-3/4	p.c. Andhra Valley	102	6
6	p.c. Andhra Valley	108	4

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Dec. 16.

Bombay Dyeing (877/8) 875 880 876 877
Century (243) 244 244 242 242/8
Central India (236/8) 236
Kohinoor (261) 260 262 261
New Great (217) 216 217 221
Simplex (77/8) 77 78
Swadeshi (220) 220
Associated Cement (108/12) 108 109 109/8 110 109/12
Andhra (1412/8) 1412
Tram. Ord. (123/12) 123/8
Tata Hydro (156) 156
Tata Power (1305) 1302 1305 1302
T. Steel Dfd. (1507/8) 1505 1500 1507 1510 1520 1517/8
T. Steel Ord. (314/8) 313 316 314 315 316/8
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (160) 160
Bellapur (187/8) 187 188 187 185
B. Steam (213) 213
B. Burma (521/4) 520 521 522

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 15.

Broach A/M. 1939 op 158 7/8; highest 159 1/4; lowest 158 1/2; closing 158 1/2.
Broach J/A. op 160; highest 160 1/4; lowest 159 5/8; closing 159 5/8.
Oomra D/J. op 148 3/4; highest 148 7/8; lowest 148 1/8; closing 148 1/8.
Oomra March op 146 5/8; highest 146 3/4; lowest 145 7/8; closing 145 7/8.
Bengal D/J. op 123 1/4; highest 123 1/4; lowest 122 1/2; closing 122 1/2.
Bengal March op 122 1/2; highest 122 1/2; lowest 121 3/4.
T/Mandi for Broach A/May 1939 (21-12-38) Rs. 1 7/8.
T/Mandi for Broach A/May 1939 21-1-39) Rs. 4 3/4.
T/Mandi for Broach A/May 1939 (24-3-39) Rs. 9
T/Mandi for Broach J/Aug. 1939 (24-6-39) Rs. 13 7/8.

Osaka Cotton

Osaka, Dec. 16.

February	52.20
March	52.20

Egyptian Cotton

Liverpool Dec. 15.

GIZA—	
Spot	7.69+9
January	7.21
March	7.16
May	7.11
GIZA No. 2—	
January	7.23—2
March	7.23—2
May	7.31—1
July	7.33—1
UPPERS—	
Spot	6.68+9
January	5.95+1
March	5.99+2
May	6.03+2
July	6.04+2
October	5.95+2
November	5.83+2

Cotton Arrivals

Receipts into Bombay on 14th Dec.	9,043
Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1938	400,311
Receipts into Bombay same time last season	255,573
Increase	144,738

Groundnuts Coromandel Shelled

London, Dec. 15.

January	£10-5-0.
February	£10-5-0.

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, Dec.

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Viceroy Will Not Budge An Inch

Congress Demand Turned Down

NO LOWERING OF RATIO

Govt. Out To Defend It By "Every Means In Their Power"

NEW DELHI, Dec. 16.

The following communique has been issued:—

The Government of India wish to make it clear that they have no intention of allowing a lowering of the present exchange value of the rupee. On the contrary, they intend to defend it by every means in their power and are confident of their entire ability to maintain it.

It is said that since their previous declaration of June 6, 1933 the balance of trade has turned more and more against India. The fact is that in every month since June, the balance of trade, even excluding treasure, has been in favour of India, and to an extent, greater than in the corresponding month of the previous year.

It is said that the sterling resources of India, particularly those of the paper currency reserve have been used up to an alarming extent. The facts are that the assets of the paper currency reserve were merged in those of the Reserve Bank in April, 1935, and that the gold and sterling resources of the Bank are as high now as they were at the time of its inception and are in any event more than 50 per cent of the total liabilities as opposed to a statutory requirement of 40 per cent only. Moreover since the inception of the bank 60 crores of sterling debt have been repatriated.

UPWARD TREND?

It is said that the 1s. 6d. ratio has hit hard the agriculturist by lowering the price of agricultural commodities. The fact is that since June last, the trend of the price-index of the chief articles of export has been definitely upwards.

The Government of India are convinced that a lowering of the ratio in the existing international market conditions would produce no appreciable rise in what the cultivators can realise for his produce. They are equally convinced that it would produce an immediate rise in the cost of what he buys.

It would also seriously weaken the budgetary position of the Central Government and the larger Provincial Governments.

In fact, a lowering in the ratio would do no good to anybody except the moneyed and speculative interests who profit from conditions of uncertainty and disturbance or who secure an additional but unseen all-round increase of 12-1/2 per cent. in the protection afforded to them at the expense of the consumer.

IN INDIA'S INTERESTS!

Altogether the Government of India have no doubt that it is their clear duty in the interests of India generally, and the cultivator in particular, to defend the present ratio to the utmost of their power. As already stated they have every belief in their ability to do this and they are confident that drastic measures of contraction will not be necessary except to the extent that they are forced upon them by the action of speculators who place their funds abroad. They are convinced that the exchange would be materially stronger to-day were it not for the fact that there have been large movements of funds to the United Kingdom by these same speculative interests during the last year.—A. P.

Nariman To Inaugurate A. I. Youths' Conference

BOMBAY, Dec. 15.

Sjt. K. F. Nariman will inaugurate the All-India Youths' Conference at Surat next week.—United Press.

Mr. H. G. Wells (centre), the noted British author, who was a through passenger by the P. and O. liner s.s. 'Comorin', which touched Bombay harbour on Friday morning 'en route' to Australia, is seen here being interviewed by local pressmen.

No Flouting Of Congresss Cabinet Decision

Mrs. Naidu Disallows Resolution On States At Madras Conference

MADRAS, Dec. 16.

The Madras District Political Conference passed a resolution recommending the name of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose to the Congress Presidentship next year.

The Conference by another resolution recorded its satisfaction on the measures already initiated by the Congress Ministry in Madras and requested the Government to undertake measures to carry on mass literacy campaign, mitigate the problem of unemployment, and protect the rights of workers.

The Conference also passed Anti-War and Anti-Federation resolutions.

The Conference by another resolution requested the authorities to lift the ban on the Communist Party and remove the statue of Viscount Willingdon, ex-Viceroy of India, "as the statue is a monumental remembrance of his repressive measures."

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, who returned to the Conference late in the evening, after fulfilling two other engagements, disallowed a resolution on Indian States requesting the Congress to revise its rules and take steps to implement the agitation in the States. She said as a member of the Working Committee of the Congress and coming straight from the Working Committee meeting, which had reiterated its Haripura resolution on the subject, she could not be a party to a resolution on the subject in its present form. She added when they were fighting for the freedom of India, they were fighting for the freedom of the people in the States also.

In her concluding remarks Mrs. Naidu deprecated the existence of several parties in the country and said: "Till we are free all party labels are a mockery." She appealed to the people, to eschew narrow provincial patriotism or provincial feeling and work for the greater destiny of this large country and said: "Let the message of India be that we want a democracy, broad-based upon the will of the people, not any democracy with monopolies and vested interests playing one section against another, but equal chances to all without discrimination."

Her message to the people assembled in the Conference, she said, was: "Do not be narrow in your nationalism, do not be exclusive in your patriotism, do not be foolish in big words and do not be dishonest in small actions."—A. P.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST INDIA

Insurance Legislation In Ceylon

CALCUTTA, Dec. 15.

Information has been received in Calcutta that the Ceylon Government are contemplating the promulgation of an ordinance for regulating insurance business in Ceylon, according to which the Indian Insurance Companies carrying or intending to carry on business in Ceylon will be required to make deposits there, in addition to the deposits which they have already made in India under the Insurance Act.

It is further learnt, that whereas the companies incorporated in the Kingdom have been given special treatment along with the companies established or incorporated in Ceylon itself as regards making deposits by instalments, the Indian Companies have been classed with other foreign concerns and been excluded from any concession in this behalf.—United Press.

C. P. Industries Minister For Bombay

NAGPUR, Dec. 16.

Minister for Industries, Hon. Mr. C. J. Bharuka left for Bombay this afternoon to attend the meeting of the National Planning Committee there to-morrow.—A. P.

Wells Speaks To India From Deck

DIFFERS FROM MAHATMA ON NON-VIOLENCE

"Are You Going To Allow Other Brains To Do Your Thinking?" He Asks

The world-famous author, H. G. Wells, spent a few hours in Bombay yesterday morning. He was a passenger on the s. s. "Comorin" and was going to Australia to attend a special gathering of the Australian Association for the Advancement of Science.

Shrimati Sophia Wadia was very early on board the "Comorin" and welcomed Mr. Wells on behalf of the India Centre of the P. E. N. Club. Mr. Wells was the Second International President of the P. E. N., succeeding Mr. John Galsworthy after his death. Mr. Wells resigned two years ago; he is a firm believer in P. E. N. Ideals and gives active support to its work.

Accompanied by Sophia Wadia, Mr. Wells motored at dawn and saw the City of Bombay wake up to its duties. His desire was to get a touch of Indian India and driving through the streets he was very observant and evinced great interest.

At 9 a.m. a few friends were invited by Sophia Wadia to meet Mr. Wells at her home, Arya Sangha, Malabar Hill. Among those present were:—The Hon. Mr. Kher, the Premier; the Hon. Mr. Munshi and Shrimati Lilavati Munshi, the Hon. Mr. Nurie, Minister of Public Works; Mr. Chandavarkar, the Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University; Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, Mr. Faiz B. Tyabji, the Hon. Mr. Justice Sen and Mrs. Sen, Mr. Brelvi, Mr. Baban Gokhalay and Shrimati Avantikabai Gokhalay, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Kumarappa, Mr. and Mrs. Ebrahim G. Currimbhoy, Prof. Bhagwat and others.

Mr. Wells talked with the guests and regretted that he had so little time to spare. After refreshments he left for his boat where he was met by some press representatives.

ON THE GANGWAY.

It is not yet ten-thirty, when Mr. Wells and his friends make their leisurely way to the boat and ascend the gang-plank. The newspaper reporters and photographers surround him, and to their delighted surprise Mr. Wells says that he will answer their questions! His objection to being interviewed was only because of his genuine desire to see something of Bombay, and hence the necessity to avoid dissipating the short time at his disposal But now he is back on his boat and gracefully grants the interviewers their wish. He stands on deck surrounded by the young men, a charming and smiling figure, and as they seek answers to their question Mr. Wells talks to them, trying to arouse them to consider for themselves the problems of the future. Mr. Wells does not lose sight of the dangers of journalistic reports. He will 'not' reply to questions that embrace such vast and complicated problems as "What do you think of the situation in Europe to-day?" And with the modesty of true greatness he also refuses to answer questions on which he does not feel qualified to pronounce. His prompt, thought-provoking, humorous repartee somewhat puzzles the reporters who look up from their shorthand notes to read his meaning in the expression of his face.

AFTER THE STORM

Mr. Wells is deeply concerned with the world of the future—the world of "after the storm." That storm is inevitable. Its dark clouds have already gathered over Europe. We should all be busy preparing for the world after the war. The last war was fought and certain results were obtained but the child of the last war—the League of Nations—was premature—a miscarriage. Why? Because we had not clarified our minds, we had not thought out enough, we had not formulated our own ideas. There is too much of loose thinking. People get caught in slogans and ready-made phrases. How many are using their minds to think for themselves?

Mr. Wells at once illustrates his position and to the next question, "What do you think of our political aspirations?" he replies, "What are aspirations?" What are your aspirations?" and as the nonplussed reporters remain silent, he continues, "I don't like mere 'aspirations'. We must know what we mean! Let's drop that word and say instead 'intentions.' Tell me what are your intentions?"

TIP TO INDIANS.

Again, no reply. Mr. Wells has too original a way of being interviewed; as he answers, he questions and in so doing he gives a message, and so frustrates the usual routine of stereotyped queries. He urges Indians to think hard, to formulate their intentions.

A reporter asks about his new book.

"'I' am thinking hard," replies Wells. "But what about you people? How many are you in India? 400 millions? Out of these millions 100 millions must be thinking hard. Are you going to allow other brains to do your thinking?

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Edgar Wallace's Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE ***GUNMAN'S BLUFF***

WHAT'S THE NEWS? ANY TRACE OF THAT COALBARGE YET?
GOT IT, INSPECTOR WADE./ THE COALBARGE "SPRAY" IS ANCHORED DOWN-RIVER OFF GRAVESEND./
WHAT'S "SLICK" DOIN' ON A COALBARGE, WADE?
MY GUESS IS THAT CONNORS WAS BRINGING IN ANOTHER LOAD OF FRENCH CURRENCY... ON THAT COALBARGE/ THAT'S WHAT HE'S AFTER
WE'VE GOT FIVE LAUNCHES AND TWENTY MEN WITH GUNS, INSPECTOR.....
GOOD/ WE'LL CLOSE IN/
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